

Thatcher firm in face of US sanction vote

Mrs Thatcher said that despite the US Congress vote, she had no intention of imposing tough sanctions on Pretoria...

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister has no intention of softening her opposition towards sanctions against South Africa in the light of the United States Senate vote imposing a tough new package of measures on the Pretoria Government...

emphasizing that all countries were free to come to their own policy towards Pretoria. Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said: "Mrs Thatcher is now totally stranded, as I said she was going to be..."

action which is limited to iron and steel. It also ends all new US investments and loans to South Africa and severs air links between the two countries.

Pretoria moves to defeat air ban

By Harvey Elliott Air Correspondent

South Africa is to increase the number of flights to London in a bid to get round the ban on direct air links with the United States.

British Airways is almost certain to follow suit if the number of passengers flying from Johannesburg to New York via London justifies it.

South African Airways flies four times a week between Johannesburg and New York, using Boeing 747 jumbo jets. Under the terms of an American embargo they were asked to stop by the end of the month when air traffic licences are withdrawn.



Still the best: Jack Nicklaus, who earlier this week announced his retirement from full-time tournament golf, on his way to victory over José-Maria Olazábal in the Suntory world match play championship at Wentworth yesterday.

Finance package favours police

By Hugh Clayton

The Government told councils yesterday that it would contribute an extra £1,000 million to their spending next year. It also included in a complicated package of financial measures an important stimulus for English councils to spend more on the recruitment of police officers.

The police were removed from restraints placed on other services after negotiations between the Department of the Environment and the Home Office.

The total establishment for the 43 non-metropolitan police forces in England and Wales in July this year was 63,468. The number of officers available for ordinary police duties was only 62,975.

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Finding a school can be a lottery, with crucial facts hard to get. The Times serialises a book which gets behind the glossy brochures to ask key questions:

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Ferry strike talks called for today

By Tim Jones

As wildcat strikes disrupted Sealink's cross Channel and other ferry services yesterday, senior officials of the company agreed to meet National Union of Seamen leaders in London today to discuss an end to the dispute.

Although the result of a strike ballot of 2,600 Sealink employees will not be known until Monday or Tuesday, crewmen at Folkestone, Dover, Harwich and Holyhead yesterday refused to operate the ferries.

More than 120 of the threatened jobs are held by members of the merchant navy officers' union, also holding a ballot on industrial action. NUS officials failed yesterday morning to get the crew of the Corbiere at Portsmouth to join the protest.

Labour confident of outright victory

By Philip Webster and Martin Fletcher

The Labour Party yesterday rounded off its most successful conference in years with a confident Mr Neil Kinnock declaring that it could now win an outright victory at the next general election.

After a week which has seen Labour achieve a genuine unity for the first time in a decade, Mr Kinnock's judgement was shared by shadow cabinet colleagues who hitherto privately declared such an outcome to be impossible.

win the next general election outright. People who thought that totally unlikely three years ago are now having to change their tune. Bucked by the final rout of the Liverpool Militants, the Labour leadership emerged from the conference, stage-managed in unprecedented fashion to avoid damaging disruption, having secured overwhelming backing for all its main policy shifts.



Rates fear as pound falls again

By Richard Thomson

The pound suffered again on the foreign exchanges yesterday as it fell to new lows in the absence of central bank support.

The money markets are still anticipating a rise in base rates, perhaps as early as next week, to support sterling despite the determination of the Government to hold the present level.

Celtic face fear over Chernobyl

Celtic, drawn yesterday to play the Soviet side Dynamo Kiev in the second round of the European Cup, may request UEFA to switch the second leg of the tie. The Scottish champions were advised by the Foreign Office that Kiev was still a no go area for visitors because of the effects of the Chernobyl disaster.

'Sick' firemen investigated

By a Staff Reporter

A special team advised by Scotland Yard has been investigating injury claims by London firemen totalling £4-million over the past year. The team was formed when current injury claims reached a total of £1.5-million in personal injury claims and £2.5-million in communication pensions.

six claims had been contested. As a result, one fireman who had claimed £90,000 was eventually awarded only £6,000. The surveillance unit used an unmarked van to observe the supposedly ill firefighters at home. In the three months since the investigation was launched 250 people were off sick and claiming from the brigade.

Prim resort awaits Tories with guns and dogs

By Philip Jacobson

It seemed all wrong on a glorious autumn day by the seaside, to be talking of bomb squads and sniffer dogs, of rooftop marksmen and armed police patrols. But this was Bournemouth on the eve of the Conservative Party conference and ever since that bomb went off at Brighton, along the coast to the east, gatherings of this nature, are, alas, to be accompanied by security operations of ever-increasing scope, complexity and cost.

security. Inside estimates reckon about £1 million, to be split equally between the county of Dorset, that is to say the ratepayers, and the central government. After a rotten summer season, a lot of people here are counting the pennies, unlike the Conservative Party, which is believed to be getting the Conference Centre for free. "We just hope the delegates will do their bit and push some cash around town," the owner of one smart restaurant said. "We did not exactly get filthy rich on the Labour lot last year."

Standing on the steps outside the Bournemouth International Centre, built, appropriately enough, in the county's urban Chief Constable, Mr Brian Weight, assured journalists that he intended to make Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her followers "as safe as is humanly possible in the context of a public gathering."

Yes, there would be police riflemen squinting through telescopic sights on roofs near by. Yes, everyone checking into local hotels was already being given the once-over, and everyone coming in and out of the conference would be exceedingly thoroughly searched. Yes, a significant number of police officers on duty next week would be carrying handguns.

Portfolio Gold £28,000 to be won

There is £28,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition. The weekly prize is £24,000, triple the usual amount because of two previous weeks without winners, and there is the daily prize of £4,000.

Yesterday's daily total was £5,000 because there was no winner on Thursday and was shared by two readers: Mr R. Newman of Burnley, Lancs. and Mrs R.M. Beech of Lechlade, Glos. Details, page 3.

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Hostage in video plea

The kidnapers of Mr Terry Anderson, the US journalist abducted 19 months ago in Beirut, have released a video tape in which he appeals to President Reagan to help US hostages in Lebanon. Page 5

In the pipeline

After TSB the City is now speculating on the share that investors can expect from the British Gas flotation. Family Money, pages 26 to 33

THF inquiry

Trusthouse Forte's £200 million purchase of the Happy Eater chain of roadside restaurants from Hanson Trust is to be investigated by the Monopolies Commission. Page 21

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Companies should develop much stronger links with schools and if necessary adopt a head teacher...

'Onedin' port sold Hooligan appeal

Charlestown, the Cornish port featured in the Onedin Line television series, has been sold for more than £2 million...

Khan's final appeal

The leader of the Kashmir Liberation Front in Britain yesterday lost his High Court battle to stay in this country...

US role for actor

Colm Wilkinson, the Irish actor and singer, (right) has been chosen to lead an otherwise all-American cast when the musical Les Miserables transfers to Broadway early next year...

Soap pair beat royals

The public life of Lofly and Michelle of EastEnders has beaten the private life of the Prince and Princess of Wales in the television ratings...

Overtime ban threat to Rover recovery

Production of Rover's new flagship car, the Rover 800, was halted yesterday when supplies of electrical components to the state-owned car makers ran out...

hibition Centre in Birmingham, where great attention will be focused on Britain's largest volume car maker...

Tories call for sale of Post Office

A commitment to sell off the coal and electricity industries and the Post Office should be included in the next Conservative Party manifesto...

US studying nuclear arms relocation if ordered out

American officials conceded yesterday that all their nuclear weapons could be removed from Britain within a year if a Labour Government issued the orders on taking office...

Stradivarius mystery



Richard Steel holding the remains of his £20 violin yesterday.

By Robin Young

Richard Steel might have been overjoyed on discovering that his violin bore the label of Antonio Stradivarius...

town, the Rode, the Hochstein, the Titian, the Emperor, and the Baron Knop...

varius has survived complete disintegration. The Red Diamond of 1732 was swept out to sea off California in the 1950s...

'More say' in cancer treatment

By Jill Sherman

The 150,000 women in Britain suffering from breast cancer should have a much greater say in their treatment, a panel of health experts said in London yesterday...

School fee 'bias' is denied

By Mark Ellis

A London private school yesterday defended its policy of charging foreign executives of multi-national companies a year's fees in advance for their children's education...

Print picket jailed for attack on PC

A Sogap picket was jailed for three months yesterday by Southend magistrates for assaulting a policeman...

BR misses business deadline

By Jonathan Miller Media Correspondent

The British Railways Board has missed its deadline for selling its advertising business...

Post dispute settled

The eight-year dispute between the Nottingham Evening Post and National Union of Journalists was formally ended yesterday...

Mirror plea refused

A High Court judge yesterday refused to drop contempt of court proceedings against two National Graphical Association officials without an apology...

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Rewards for pay restraint

By George Hill

A cut in National Insurance contributions for employees who resist high wage claims would create twice as many new jobs as the cuts in personal taxation planned by the Government...

Baby killed

Jason Smith aged six weeks died in a fire at a home in Strode Road, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, yesterday...

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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Selection system

Charter for shipyards

Travel costs

No change in reselection until after next election

There will be no change in the method of selecting parliamentary candidates and reselecting MPs until after the next election, the conference insisted at Blackpool yesterday.



Labour's top table in full voice at the end of the party conference in Blackpool yesterday.

Scrap-and-build policy plea

The next Labour Government should adopt a policy of scrapping British merchant ships and building new ones in British yards, Mr Dennis Skinner, MP, said when replying to the NEC in a short debate on shipbuilding.

MEDIA DEBATE

Curbs on foreign ownership sought

Labour would develop policies to prevent the unacceptable concentration of media control in too few hands, Mr Gordon Colling told delegates during the debate.

TRANSPORT

Act giving 'freedom of roads' deplored

The erosion of public transport services as a result of Conservative policies and the Act last year which allowed for the deregulation of bus services, were condemned in a motion carried by the conference.

CAMPAIGNING

Clarity seen as the key

A composite motion on party campaigning which said that the party's policies must be presented in a straightforward, honest and easily understood way in the run-up to the general election, was endorsed.

IMMIGRATION

Pressure for visas debate

Labour would force a debate in Parliament on the decision to introduce visa requirements for immigrants from the Indian sub-continent and Africa, and would impose a three-line whip, Mr Gerald Kaufman, shadow Home Secretary, told conference delegates.

Eclipse of the hard-line left

The Labour conference ended in Blackpool yesterday with the party's hard left reduced to impotence. Its influence on the week's debates extended little further than isolated, ritualistic diatribes from the rostrum on such issues as police oppression, the need for black sections or British withdrawal from Northern Ireland.

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Sale room

£1 note goes for £4,070

Christie's found itself with a failure on its hands when it offered the William H. Pheasant collection of British Commonwealth bank notes for sale.

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Vertical advertisement on the right edge of the page with various headlines including 'Air of optimism', 'Corbachov in all nucle', 'Expulsion order', 'Lebanon host', and 'Cabans' farew'.

Air of optimism in Moscow

Gorbachov makes ban on all nuclear tests a top Reykjavik priority

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet Union yesterday indicated that it would be making the achievement of a mutual ban on all nuclear tests a leading priority when Mr Gorbachov meets President Reagan next weekend for two days of talks in the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik.

Expulsion order postponed

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

In what appears to be a concession, the US has agreed to postpone the October 1 deadline for the recall of 25 members of the Soviet mission to the United Nations.

Second reporter in frame-up scare

Moscow — Less than a week after the release of Mr Nicholas Daniloff, another Western correspondent said yesterday that he had been the victim of an attempt by the Soviet security authorities to try to frame him (Christopher Walker writes).

Bitter attack on Reagan in Lebanon hostage's tape

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent

Terry Anderson has grown thinner. His face is leamer, balanced by a large but well-trimmed beard. On a video tape which his kidnappers released yesterday, his features appeared pale. He did not smile once. But there was no doubting the message which the bureau chief of the Associated Press in Beirut — abducted 19 months ago on his way home from a game of tennis — was making.

Abducted Syrian envoy freed

Damascus (Reuters) — A Syrian diplomat, Mr Ayad Mahmoud, abducted by gunmen in Tehran, was no longer in the hands of kidnappers, a Syrian presidential spokesman said yesterday.

Cubans' farewell fiesta shakes up Budapest

By Roger Boyes East European Correspondent

Budapest, the tranquil Hungarian capital on the Danube, became a battle-ground a few days ago. Fists flew and broken bottles whistled through the air as scores of Cuban guest-workers laid into the Hungarian police and hystanders.



Supporters of US sanctions against South Africa in solidarity; from left, Senator Edward Kennedy; Mrs Coretta Scott King, wife of murdered civil rights leader Martin Luther King; and Mr Randall Robinson, a black rights activist

Pressure on EEC for action

From Richard Owen Brussels

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Shultz and Mugabe break the ice

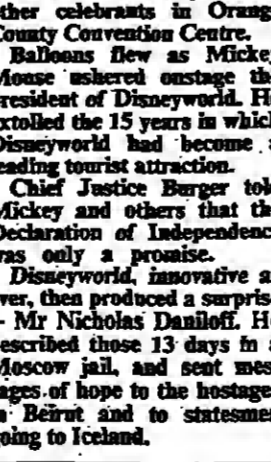
From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, yesterday met the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr Robert Mugabe, presenting an opportunity to lessen the strain in relations between the two countries.

Daniloff at Disney jubilee

From Michael Binyon Washington

In an extraordinary combination of America's schmaltz and earnestness, Mr Warren Burger, the former Chief Justice, joined forces with Mickey Mouse yesterday for a Jubilee Jamoree to celebrate 200 years of the US Constitution.



Terry Anderson as he is shown in the videotape

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From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

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Shots at Punjab police chief

Delhi — Sikh terrorists yesterday penetrated to the heart of the Punjab police's defences and shot the state's most senior policeman as he strolled on the lawns of the officers' mess with his wife (Michael Hamlyn writes).

Train hits rock fans

Madrid — Two young Spaniards were killed by a goods train while listening to a rock concert near Tarragona, and 10 other concertgoers were injured (Richard Wagg writes).

Death blast

Colombo — An assistant government agent from Sri Lanka's north central province was among four people in a Jeep killed by a landmine on the Morawwala-Anuradhapura road. Tamil guerrillas are believed to be responsible.

Crash escape

Naples (Reuters) — A US naval helicopter crashed into the Mediterranean during a training exercise, but its three crew members were rescued with only minor injuries, the US Sixth Fleet said.

Poll claim

Cairo (AP) — The Government says that President Mubarak's National Democratic Party won 98 per cent of votes cast for a constitutional advisory body, and that an opposition boycott of the balloting failed.



Visa snub

Stockholm (Reuters) — France has turned down a request from Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Austria and Finland to be exempted from stringent new visa laws, the Swedish Foreign Ministry said.

Steam treat

Harare (Reuters) — Railway enthusiasts will soon be able to travel from Bulawayo to Victoria Falls in vintage luxury coaches hauled by a steam locomotive, a new Zimbabwe travel company said.

Seven hanged

Baghdad (API) — Seven government employees or businessmen have been hanged for accepting bribes from companies that sought contracts in Iraq, according to a presidential decree.

Parcel bomb

Bonn — A parcel bomb exploded at the main parcels sorting office in Frankfurt after suspicious postmen began opening it. There were no injuries.

Eta arrests

Madrid — Spanish police have arrested four young men, suspected members of an Eta commando in Villadonia, near San Sebastian, and found a small arms cache in a building in which the People's Unity Party, the political wing of Eta, has its local office.

Greens' plea

Bonn (Reuters) — The West German Greens party urged President Husak of Czechoslovakia to free seven imprisoned jazz musicians and stop official harassment of the so-called "Jazz Section".

Shells delay

Moscow (Reuters) — More than 500 unexploded shells and mines buried since the Second World War held up the building of a settlement for workers decontaminating the Chernobyl nuclear power station, the Army daily Armysnyy Zvezda said.

CITY CITY BANG BANG



The Big Bang: a revolution in the way money is managed produces a team of people worth £1m in transfer fees and £2m in salaries

COMING OUT OF THE CLOSET

Revealing: happy Englishwomen who don't plan their wardrobes but love dressing up



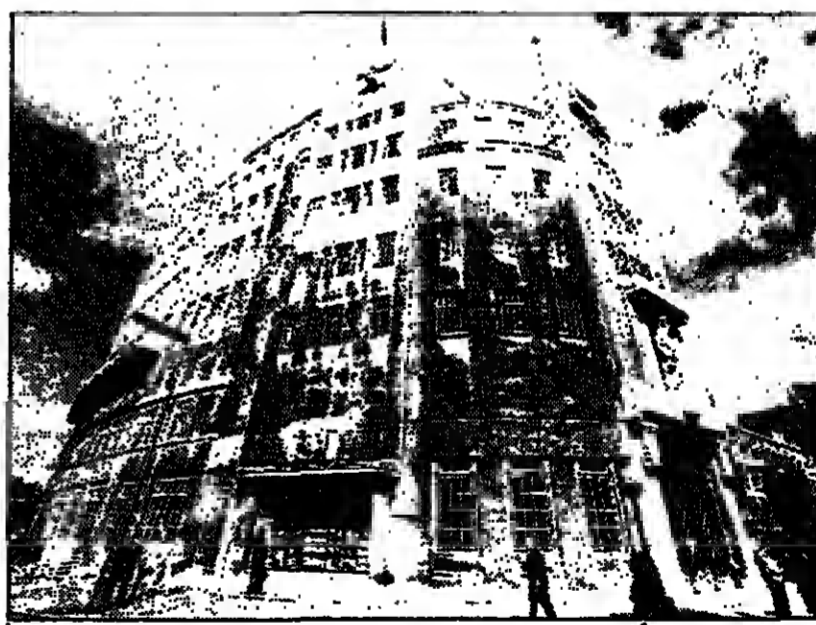
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Michael Roberts counting down to the London collections



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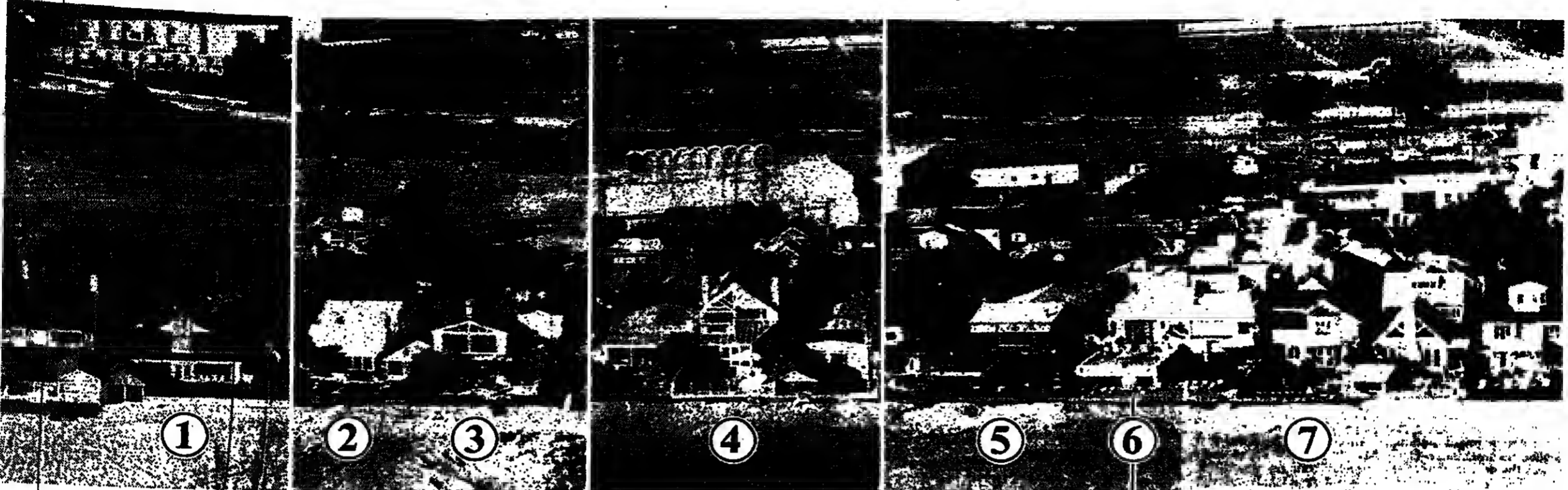
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If you're Johnny Carson, I'm moving in

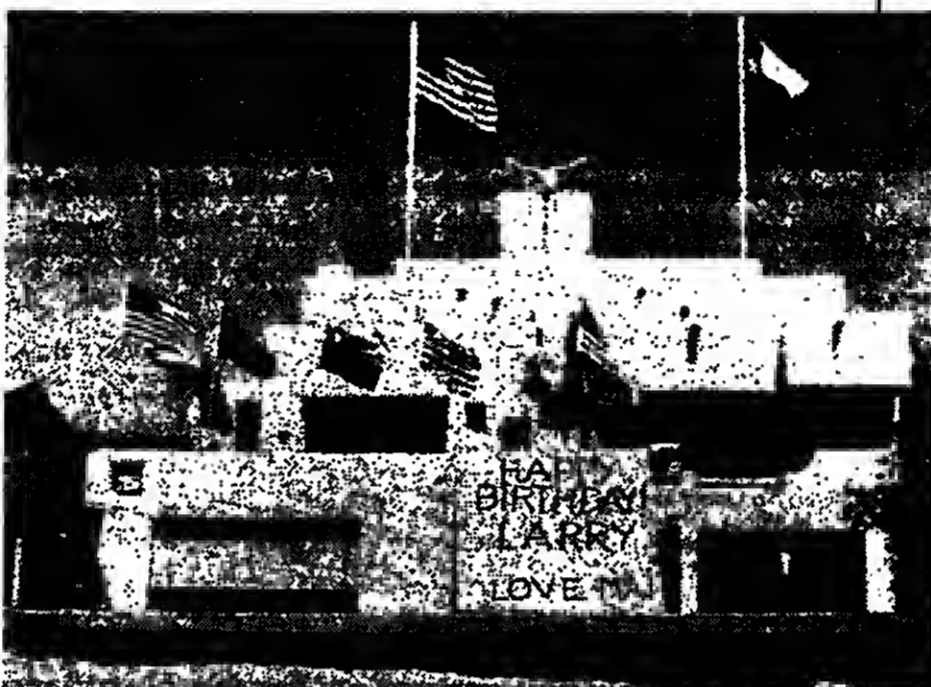


There is a place where the stars shine all day and its name is Malibu. It doesn't have a main drainage and the other thing it smells of is money. The famous live so close together they have to park their egos on the beach. Douglas Thompson reports from the far shores of reality

It is 22 miles long, half a mile wide and infested with rats. Anna O. Nilsson, a household name only in households who-occupants remember silent movie stars, made it famous. But she was no rat. She was Swedish and beautiful and awfully persuasive. She took celebrity out to the beach at Malibu, convincing the civic leaders - who had previously put a block on "Hollywood people" - that they should let her in. They did, in exchange for a promise that Miss Nilsson would not "smoke, drink or carouse".

That is how long ago it was. Malibu's rats have four legs. Latio name, raitus norvegicus, and a propensity for reproducing themselves which demonstrates that whoever signed the pledge against carousing, the rats had an exclusion clause. But mere rats cannot keep the Hollywood famous away, nibble at night though they might. scutter by day though they may. Malibu, not so much a piece of land, more a Hollywood out-station, is now the most star-studded stretch of coast anywhere. You can, as Joan Rivers - among others - put it, "lie on the sand and look at the stars - and vice versa". The passport to Malibu is that good-old Hollywood

commodity, money. A million dollars, for instance, may get you a modest 3,600 square feet on the beachfront and that's just the land. If the plot contains a house, any old broken-down house, add another million. That is enough to keep out the deadbeats and the small fry but, to be on the safe side, the famous possessors of a plot are famous possessors of an adjacent plot seem to spend a lot of their energy conspiring against everything from the algaey ocean, the slithering mud, the rattlesnakes and the dig dealers, the gauche starlets and the agents. That they hate any energy left for cashing is open to question. Beachfront mansions start at a modest \$4 million but if you prefer to spend \$14 million that can easily be arranged. Then there is maintenance, what with the paint peeling and the pipes rusting and the wood warping - degrading the homestead against the salt sea air of the mousie-grey, usually polluted, Pacific is a full-time job for a full-up wallet. There are enough myths and legends about the occupants of the hundreds of homes along Malibu's five beaches and six canyons to make a Hollywood publicity



man look uninventive by comparison; and some of the stories are reputed to be capable of passing a lie-detector test. Take Alex Mass, who literally walked into the life of three-times divorced talk show host Johnny Carson. Alex amassed her undisputed qualities in a bikini and strolled past Carson's house. Then she strolled past again. And again and again until Carson invited her inside. She is still there, Carson's "constant companion". In Malibu, every day is a celebrity spotter's birthday. John McEnroe is there, brooding on his future (it was McEnroe who gave Carson tennis lessons as part of the sales price for his nondescript two-storey beach home which, like most others, has an ugly TV satellite "dish" stuck on the roof). Over at the Trancas Canyon supermarket you can find Rod Steiger standing in line, and most Sundays you'll see Larry Hagman, in a caftan, wandering along the beach and Ryan O'Neal and Farrah Fawcett jogging along it. Long ago, back in AD 1000, Malibu was a lot safer, out to say sauer, under the stewardship of the Chumash Indians. In 1542 the Spaniards arrived out of a clear blue sea. They turned out to be the 16th century equivalent of the 7th Cavalry. The Indians that the Spanish omitted to kill were forced to live apart from their wives (a hint of things to come, perhaps). This birth control method offered little future for the Chumash tribe and one of their medicine men cast a curse on the land they had known as Malibu.

On Jose Bartolome Tapia was given a royal decree to raise cattle on the area he called Rancho Topanga Malibu Simzli Sostomo Segui, but he lost the documents and so passed out. In 1848 his widow sold the family ranch to Leon Victor Pridmore for "400 persons, 200 in coin and 200 in goods". In 1857 Pridmore sold to Irish-born Don Mateo Keller for \$1,400. Keller (five languages and Trinity College, Dublin) talked and worked his way out of the Chumash curse. He planted vineyards and began shipping a quarter of a million gallons of wine a year. He died in 1881. Eleven years after that Rancho Malibu went (for \$172,000) to Boston insurance tycoon Frederick Rindge, a Harvard man with Cote D'Azur visions for "The Malibu". That plan was cursed: he died in 1905 and his widow May Knight Rindge took over. May was very nearly a role model for Annie Get Your Gun - she rode horseback, carried a gun, and kept out everyone from squatters to the advancing railroads and highways. In 1925 the state of California finally won right of way through her property and secured it after a three-day siege by May and 40 armed guards. But the Roosevelt Highway, the original of what is now the Pacific Coast Highway - it runs all the way from San Francisco to Mexico - was built. And May began renting parts of the beach for cottages. Clark Gable arrived. He went duck hunting in Malibu with Gary Cooper. Joan Crawford and Douglas Fairbanks jun. They had

"cookouts" on the beach along with Brian Donlevy and Constance Bennett and Chico Marx. Actress Billie Dove moved in, and a besotted Howard Hughes flew over every day and "bombed" her house with roses. A child star appeared, riding horseback to train for a film. It was called National Velvet, she was called Elizabeth Taylor. There were other future grand dames, like Candice Bergen and Liza Minnelli, little girls with Technicolor parents who threw extravagant birthday parties on the beach. Fantasy and reality live together in Malibu. Early Westerns (most starring Tom Mix) were made in the Malibu Hills and Mack Sennett did

some bathing beauty sequences here. "Sweater Girl" Lana Turner lived here, as did Ronald and Nancy Reagan. Today the image is of a proliferation of movie stars making love on the beach and deals in the jacuzzi. But the only obvious decadence is the way the money gets tossed around. Burt Reynolds bought a Malibu beach house "on impulse" one morning and a little later, fed up with it, was renting it out at \$15,000 a month. Producer Jerry Perenchio wanted a private place to jog and spent \$2.7 million on two acres of sand: no house, just sand, private sand. Barbra Streisand has a "compound" in Ramirez Can-

yon which supposedly rivals the Hearst family castle at San Simeon; it contains an art deco house that has never been slept in. Ali McGraw, who moved to Malibu during her marriage to the late Steve McQueen, is a veteran of the mud, fire and floods that frequently ravage the place. But she likes it anyway. "The big division in Malibu is between weekenders and full-timers. Weekend users use Malibu for meditation, to be left alone. I use it as a small town. "I know exactly whom to call when my dog pees on the carpet. Trades-people are honourable and they stay year after year. Nobody expects to see Neil Diamond on the public beach so when he goes there with his soo he's out bothered. It's part of Malibu etiquette to acknowledge but also to ignore celebrities. And with residents like Neil and Bob Dylan do you think the rest of are bothered?" But, of course, they are bothered - by the ongoing annual assaults from nature. The brush-fire season, just ended, brings the rattlesnakes down from the hills (but at least the rattlers eat the rats). The rain follows the fire, naturally, and erosion is such that the saturated land loses its grip on the planet and slides away. And while the rain pounds on the roof, the Pacific surf pounds on the beach, bouncing in big waves that crash over the tops of the sandbag walls the residents have frantically built. No wonder Hollywood loves making disaster movies; half its stars are living through one. Oh, and the earth is moving and parts of Malibu are slipping into the sea. Erosion has disastrous consequences for the septic tanks and even on peaceful warm days you can catch a whiff of Malibu before you get there. Author William Peter Blatty (The Exorcist) says: "A mass attack of diarrhoea would make the whole coast uninhabitable." The lack of a main sewer system is the reason there are no laundrettes or car washes in Malibu - there are also no hospitals, oor is there an undertaker. Perhaps movie people prefer to think that box office death is the worst kind there is. Whatever Malibu is, it is not what it set out to be: America's Cote D'Azur. From the moment in 1928 when Miss Nilsson moved in, quickly followed by the "11" girl, Clara Bow, and Gloria Swanson - whose swimsuit picture poses on the beach "invented" pin-ups - Malibu was destined to be like a Hollywood epic; more famous for its cast than its plot.

(1) Bob Newhart now owns the house that started it all (2) Actor Rod Steiger, of the Method school, lives next door (3) Bob Chartoff, the Rocky producer, finds sandy solace (4) Can singer/songwriter Joni Mitchell like it? Seemingly (5) Burgess Meredith, Batman penguin turned beachman (6) Larry Hagman loves it and shouts from the rooftops, left (7) William Blatty, Exorcist writer, worries about the smell

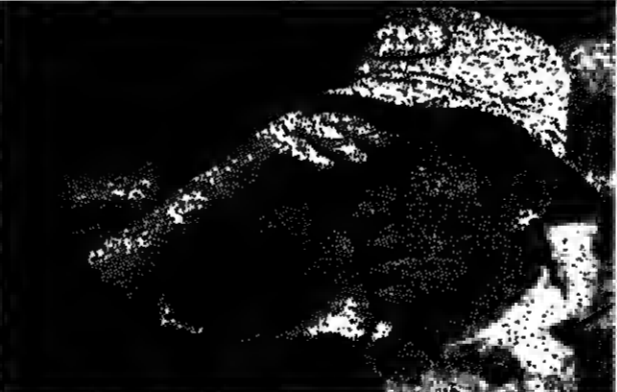
One man's Malibu

Builder Herve Baineau moved to Malibu in 1929 and has seen them all come and go. He is the Malibu memory man. "In those days you could build a house in a week for a couple of thousand dollars. And we were putting up one a week. Folks would come down from town for the weekend and say 'I want one'. I was young enough then to oblige them. "But Herb Brown (who built Number One Malibu Colony) showed the way. He had funny ideas. He used fireproof brick and then he built a wall around the property, a big wall that has helped save the property more than once. Baineau recalls Bing Crosby's arrival in 1942. "He was married to Dixie Lee then - there was her and all the boys. They were a little rough. Bing used to drink a little then and we'd all end up across the street at the Malibu Inn after work". For Crosby it was the time of the movie Holiday Inn, the everlasting White Christmas and the second adventure with Bob Hope in The Road to Morocco. "Bing did some remodeling. Everybody who moves to Malibu does some remodeling. Something to do with their money, I suppose. Baineau says that Robert Redford "adored the freedom" of Malibu: "It's the attraction for all of these sort of people. They can walk on the beach, go to the stores and not be bothered. The roughest thing that's going to happen is somebody pointing at their car. "It's getting more like the old days - the movie crowd is coming back in droves. Especially producers. We've had five or so get here in as many weeks. One hit movie and they move to Malibu. "But the veterans, the ones that move away, they always come back. Can't resist it."

SATURDAY

Table with 2 columns: Arts/Entertainment and Page numbers. Includes items like 'Rich menu: where to eat, what to drink, new ways to cook - page 15', 'Arts Diary', 'Gardening', etc.

Bing and the Bobs



Hot Christmas: Bing Crosby went straight to number one



Hot profits: Robert Redford loved it, Bob Newhart bought it

The first house to be built at Malibu by a movie star now consists of four bedrooms, a massive living area, a guest house with two bedrooms and an open plan living section and a three-car garage (a luxury on the cramped beachside). But its main attraction is unchanged - a front door facing the beach. 1928: Anna O. Nilsson, silent movie star, bought the land. 1927: Librettist Nacio Herb Brown (Broadway Melody, Stagin' In The Rain) bought Nilsson's and adjacent land, built a house for \$3,500. House stayed in the Brown family until... 1942: Bought by Bing Crosby for \$200,000 but rented

out regularly. Tagged The Bing Crosby House it attracted customers and pushed up the rent. Late '50s: Rented by Disney cartoonist Lesley Ackerman (Lady and the Tramp, Sleeping Beauty). Various other major and minor celebrities rented the house until... 1982: Bought for a bargain \$1,850,000 by Robert Redford on the proceeds of early successes (Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, The Sting, All The Presidents Men). 1984: Redford sells for \$2 million to producer-agent Jeff Wald, husband of singer Helen Reddy. 1986: Bought by comedian Bob Newhart for \$3 million.



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TRAVEL 1

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Days of wine and poses down under

Australia's victory in the America's Cup put Perth on the jet set's map. The defence has just begun, and until February the world will be wearing out the airlines to Western Australia. For those seeking escape from yachts, Shona Crawford Poole suggests heading south through the vineyards

Busselton. As the man in the bottle-shop put it: "You couldn't make money out of ulcers in this town." But at the end of a dry day on the South-Western Highway out of Perth, past the sign on the side of the flour mill painted by Bondy in person (at the time when Western Australia's best-known son was making his first mark on the economy), when the last sheep being "weaned" was far behind and the surrounding cattle country already seemed familiar, a spot of lunch would have gone down well.

Waroona, just a few bungalows and a petrol station, signalled no sustenance. Harvey was the next town on the route. The name sounded friendly enough, but the drab girl in the pizza parlour looked at the clock and said with no regret that it was too late at 1.30. There did not seem to be an alternative restaurant so, with beer and a snack from a petrol station on the way, we looked for a lane in which to picnic.

The hamburger, my partner's choice, was livid with beetroot. My bacon-and-ketchup burger was drenched in ketchup the colour of dried blood. Only starvation would have made either palatable. So we drank the beer and focused on the beauty of the scene, a flock of ibis lifting off from a marshy field to soar into the perfect blue of an afternoon thermal.

Further down the highway, the port at Bunbury was big on cranes and containers, short on quays to dangle your legs over, or fishing boats, or tees. The cliff path view from the headland, topped with a prop-



Creeping in on the crest of a cult: a Saturday morning ritual enacted by skilful young men on the bare, secretive coast of Western Australia

Bowling Club were absorbed in their afternoon game as the road wound south, and the names on the map began to team up with labels on bottles. Cape Mentelle, Redgate, Leuwinn Estate, Chateau Kangaroo, Sandalford and Redbrook, to name a few of the Margaret River vineyards. Margaret River's wide main street was as quiet as the grave on Friday night. No matter at all that the bedroom overlooked the road. The blinds, snapped up next morning on a scene of unexpected animation. Rugged pick-ups with chunky tyres were vying with family saloons for prime park-

ing spots outside the emporium opposite. It was the rural equivalent of a department store, selling everything essential for country living from ploughshares to feed, by way of rings for the noses of bulls to pocket-size slivers of Arkansas stoope for sharpening fish hooks and pen knives. People went about their business wearing fresh Saturday morning shirts and open, neighbourly smiles. Just a few miles away on the bare secretive coast, quite different Saturday morning rituals were being honoured. On a headland high above the dunes and scrub of Calgardup

ward. Then, too fast to see how it was done, they had all sprung up in their boards and were creaming it on the crest of a single wave. It was plainly dangerous, skilful and exhilaratingly lovely to watch. Small wonder that it has become a cult. Before he made his first million "I was just a beer-drinking surfer," said Denis Horgan, front man of the Denis and Tricia Horgan team that is the envy of the state. You will bear people say that wine made in the winery they founded, and which is today a front runner of the booming Australian wine business, is overpriced. There is suspicion that commissioning painting by the likes of Sidney Nolan and William Boissvain to reproduce on wine labels put the price of Leuwinn Estate wines. The Horgans are unfussed by the criticism. They know they are making good wine, and, if flying a full symphony orchestra from London to give an open-air concert on your estate is too flesh for some tastes, that's tough. Lunch at Leuwinn stretches cooivally into the afternoon: which is why I missed the full splendour of the karri forest



TRAVEL NOTES

British Airways (01-887 4000) has four flights a week directly to Perth. October prices start at £815 return. First class is £3,420 return. Jetset Tours, 64-76 New Oxford Street, London WC1 (01-631 0501) offers inclusive packages to Perth for the preliminary America's Cup races from £1,097 for 14 nights, with accommodation, car hire and BA direct flights. The Ship Resort Hotel, Albert Street, Busselton (057 52 361) charges from £16 a night for a double room. The Margaret River Hotel, Bussell Highway, Margaret River (097 57 2655) charges from about £21 a night for a double room.

A species of eucalyptus which grow so tall that driving through them in the dark they took on the nightmare outlandishness of an illustration for the brothers Grimm. Karri trees and black swans are on every itinerary. In the great natural harbour of Albany, where the last whale was flensed in 1978, the Cheynes Beach Whaling Company station at Frenchman Bay trades on its bloody past as a museum and souvenir shop. It was here in the bay that the black swans, state-emblems and blazoned on beer cans, finally put in an appearance.

HOLIDAYS & VILLAS

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Autumn and winter magic advertisement. Text: "Autumn and winter magic". Includes details about holiday packages for autumn and winter and contact information for Autumn and winter magic.

Self-catering Malta and Gozo advertisement. Text: "SELF-CATERING MALTA & GOZO". Includes details about self-catering holidays in Malta and Gozo and contact information for Self-catering Malta and Gozo.

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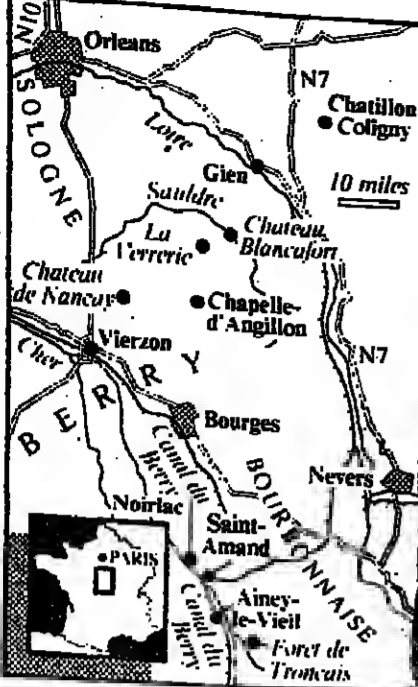
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TRAVEL 2

OUT AND ABOUT

The heart of the lost domain

Wandering through the Berry region of France, Jean Robertson found an author's landscape



Since first reading Henri Alain-Fournier's Le Grand Meaulnes many years ago...

His grave is unknown but his pays, the Cher region of the Berry, lies south of the Touraine and north of the Auvergne...

Bourges, the regional capital, deserves at least one night's stop (ideally at the Hotel d'Angleterre or the slightly cheaper Hostellerie du Grand Angerier...

Small as it is, Bourges is grand in every sense, from its great, five-porch cathedral to the cobbled lanes and half-timbered tith barns...

We drove down La Route Jacques-Coeur along a little chain of chateaux, abbeys and churches, historic towns and villages, art galleries and museums...

Driving due south from Paris on the N7, we left the highway at Chateillon Coligny to join the D43 en

Dream land: Henri Alain-Fournier, who made the countryside his heroine

route for the great international burning museum at Gien. The Musée de la Chasse, housed in the Chateau de la Saule...

Try dining at the Beau Rivage, a small traditional hotel (allow £20 each including wine, tax and service)...

Leaving Gien you leave the Loire itself, but not the waters that feed it. We pushed on to the Sologne, sustained by the Saule and the Nère...

Chateau Blancfort, on the banks of the Saule, to admire the classic jardin français faithfully recreated from a hayfield by the present owner...

The world of Le Grand Meaulnes is hard to trace with accuracy, since the story is a blend of Alain-Fournier's experience as a son of the Berry and of his places and people...

He went to school and spent most of his childhood at Ainey-le-Vieil, in the countryside where the Berry and the Bourbonnais meet...

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A few kilometres up the road is the Chateau Concanay. A grand party was held here for the village and the estate when Alain-Fournier was a boy...

In stern contrast to chateau-wandering is the stark Cistercian abbey of Noirlac (just north of Saint-Amand), where the only concessions to the flesh are its pastoral setting...

There is plenty of scope for good walking at La Verrière, a solitary little palace on a lake in woodlands north of Bourges...

He was born at La Chapelle-d'Angillon (the small house is in the main street but it has acquired a second storey since 1886) and the local chateau (another strand in the magical tapestry of Le Fete Etrangere) has a permanent exhibition of everything the owners have gathered about the life, times, surroundings and thoughts of Alain-Fournier...

Nancy, 30km from La Verrière and famous for its saibles, or observatory (the largest in France), was also the home of Alain-Fournier's father. It was here that the Fourniers gathered annually for a family holiday with the Rivieres - Henri's uncle Florent (Florentine of the novel), Aunt Julie (sister to Alain-Fournier père) and his nine cousins...

TRAVEL NOTES

Alf France Holidays (01-568 8981) offers three-night fly-drive packages from £112 (plus a £5 currency surcharge) each for two people travelling together...



Eminent man and Victorian residence

It is 1864 and Thomas Carlyle, writer and thinker, is taking tea in his back dining-room with the novelist Geraldine Jewsbury...

Just one incident in the long black comedy that was the home life of the Carlyles at Cheyne Row, Chelsea, where they spent "two and thirty years of hard battle against Fate"...

At the best of times life was hard enough for the domestic, what with the incessant demands of Mrs C. and the Sage himself descending to the basement kitchen late at night to smoke and brood...

It is difficult now to appreciate the awe in which the Victorians held Thomas Carlyle. Today those great difficult volumes - Sartor Resartus, The French Revolution...

on - are little read outside academic circles, but happily the house remains, a tall, thin terraced house of just after 1700, open to the public now as it has been for 90 years or so...

In fact it is still an atmospheric Victorian cultural shrine; here may be seen such relics of Carlyle worship as "the pen with which Carlyle wrote the last chapters of Frederick the Great", or his camelhair dressing-gown, his straw hat, a plaster cast of the floor of the tiny cupboard-like room known as the china closet...

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Preservation order: Carlyle's drawing room (top) and the facade of his house in Chelsea

the noises from the river, and didn't even keep out the cry of the "demon fowls" owned by neighbours which had first driven him out there...

Today the noise of traffic and aeroplanes would be enough to madden anyone, but in the little walled garden, it is surprisingly peaceful. Carlyle found the garden "of admirable comfort" to me, in the smoking way I can wander about in dressing-gown and straw hat in it, as of old, and take my pipe in peace"...

The time has long gone, when crowds of sightseers would gather at the end of Cheyne Row to catch a glimpse of the Great Man. But, thanks to the reverence of his disciples and the subsequent care of the National Trust, Carlyle has the best of memorials - his odd cluttered, fascinating house, entirely unspoilt and absolutely his own.

Nigel Andrew

OUTINGS

attended by the peerly kings, queens, princes and princesses, whose original function was to safeguard the interests of the street traders who elected them...

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS' SHOWS: This morning, a programme especially for children, this evening a gala with Paul Danis and magic acts

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: Various events throughout the country based on the theme "Heroes and Heroines in Children's Books"...

PEARLY HARVEST FESTIVAL: Annual service

Judy Froshang

Top flights for Florida

Price cuts on 1987 family holidays in the USA are already beginning to appear. Jetset is giving reductions of up to £250 for youngsters aged between 12 and 17 at a number of hotels in Florida...

TRAVEL NEWS

series. An 18-day tour to the Melbourne Test, including a five-night stopover on Bali, is priced from £985.

South Sea bubbles

A month-long tour of the South Sea islands to mark the bicentenary of HMS Bounty's departure from England is being operated by Serenissima Travel in the New Year...

Nilotic opera

Thomas Cook is operating tours to Egypt next May to tie in with a season of performances of Verdi's Aida at the Temple of Luxor by the Arena di Verona Company and an international cast headed by Placido Domingo...

Nice packages

A series of low-cost charter flights from Gatwick to Nice, launched earlier this year by Euro Express, is to be extended to October 26. The flights, priced from £99 return...

operate on Thursday and Sunday. Fly-drive deals and accommodation packages in Nice and Cannes are also available. Information on 0293 775555.

Franc fairs

The French and German National Tourist Offices have both produced new brochures aimed at young budget-conscious travellers: Young Travellers in France and Germany Live, with advice on where to eat, drink and stay cheaply...

Philip Ray

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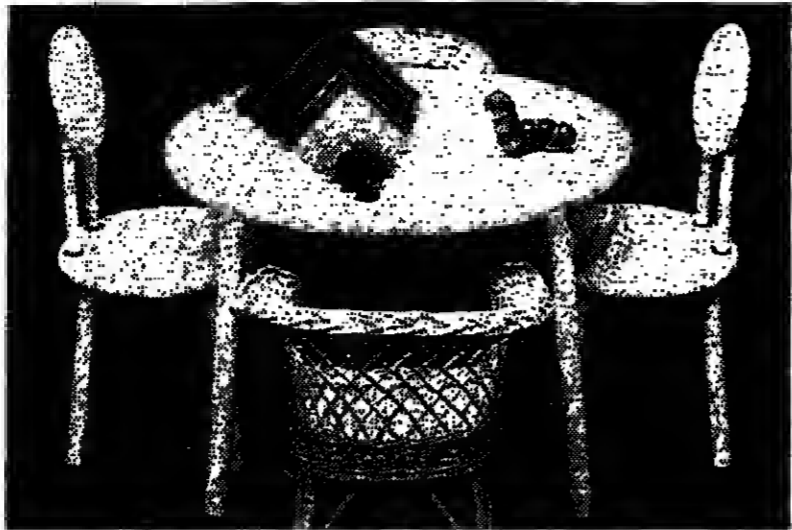
A room off the shelf?

How anyone can become an instant interior designer at a new furnishing store where seven complete 'looks' are available at the drop of a cheque

Furnishings are catching up with fashion in the high street. Jasper Conran and Katharine Hammett have set the pace by opening their own shops...

They are a company known best for their wallpapers and fabrics - particularly the Dolly Mixtures range. Their new £2 million conversion of the former Miss Selfridge shop at 156 Regent Street, London W1, launches a new identity for them as complete home furnisheers.

Using a selection of their wallpaper and fabric designs, they have developed seven co-ordinated looks for living, dining, bed and bathrooms and have bought and commissioned furniture, tableware, linens and accessories to go with each. The bonus for the customer is that each complete look can be bought without trailing round from department to department to find complementary colours and textures.



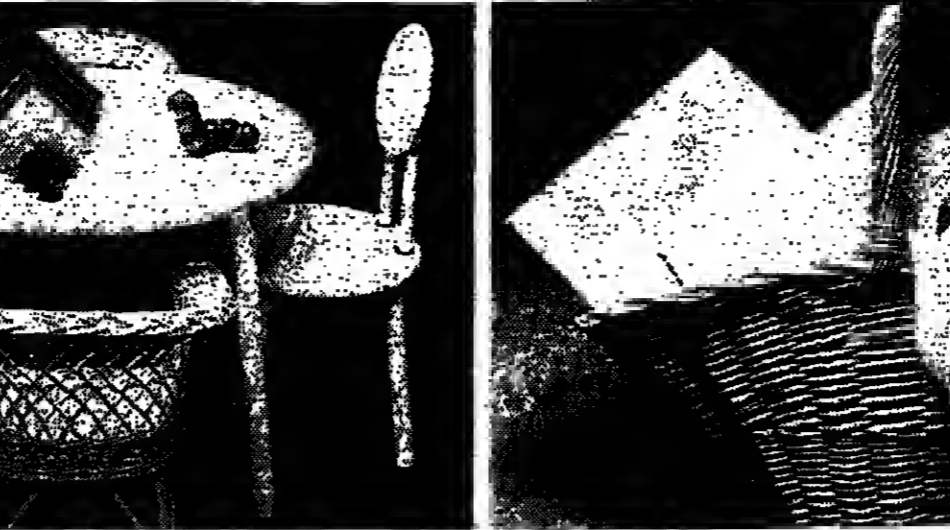
CLASSIC (below): Best of Apollo with antique finish £255. Traditional chest, Africa, in cool colours, £5.99 per metre



ETHNIC: Massive copper floor vessel in traditional African design, handpainted in Amstelia £29.99. Dried grasses from 99p to £1.00.



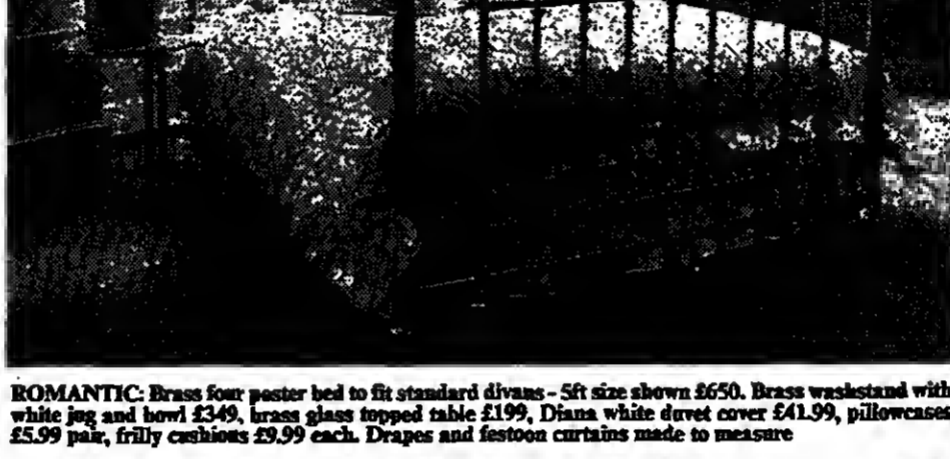
ROMANTIC: Brass four-poster bed to fit standard divans - 5ft size shown £650. Brass washstand with white jug and bowl £349, brass glass topped table £199, Diana white divet cover £41.99, pillowcases £5.99 pair, frilly cushions £9.99 each. Drapes and festoon curtains made to measure



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PROGRESSIVE (below): Chrome mirror, £49.99, soap dispenser £27.99, from a collection of hi-tech fittings



Small prints: Small is not only beautiful but ingenious and time-saving, when packaged in a new machine called a Copy Jack. Measuring only 6.7in x 2.5in x 1.5in, it is a hand-held copier with a 'peeling window' in the head and a roll of heat sensitive paper in its body. To copy text, the user presses the middle of the machine while pushing it slowly over the print, holding the end of the paper with the other hand.



For writers and researchers it could be a boon, even at £299. This includes a battery recharger and five 33ft rolls of paper. Refills are £6 per pack of five. Available direct from Ima Trading, 29 Enford Street, London W1 (01-629 6033)

show the effect of gathers and drapes and a making-up service promises finished curtains in three to four weeks. An upholstery service is available, too. Free samples of every fabric, wallpaper and bedding are available and arrangements can be made to deliver orders after office hours and on Saturdays. John Barron is determined to give the customers what they want and to break away from a pre-set style of retailing.

The usual attitude to selling tries to segment the market into mass and AEs. By putting together a collection of looks we are not in any particular income or age niche and we can offer popular-priced furnishings side by side with the cream. The Coleroll achievement is to present customers with off-the-peg interior decoration with a designer look. But for those who are able to buy professional expertise another

light from the roof, on the ground floor there are eight room sets displaying rugs, garden and antique furniture, lamps and other furnishing accessories. Clients will visit the centre only with an interior designer, but Charles Hammond also has a design consultancy service which it runs from its shop at 165 Sloane Street, London SW1 (01-235 2151). A consultation with a member of the design team costs £50 and house visits can also be arranged for the same fee. For an extra £80, a colour board can be made up so that the fabrics, carpet, paints and other samples can be seen together. British attitudes to interior decoration have been in the doldrums for long enough. If only this fresh wind of change could get through to our mass furniture manufacturers, we would all be able to live in our ideal home.

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IN THE GARDEN Plum choices for perfect apples With a multitude of unusual varieties available, popularity is not the only criterion for fruity satisfaction and rediscovering the pleasures of garden trees

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Only in north Norfolk are you likely to be offered a dish of oven-baked Norfolk Biffins - aromatic, crimson-brown apples which look like hot buns, when cooked. Grown in Norfolk since the early 1800s, they are by no means the most ancient kind. In 1629, John Parkinson, herbalist and apothecary to James I, catalogued all the apples known to be grown at that time, many of which are still available today. When choosing apples for a garden, I would always include a local variety, not simply out of sentiment but because it is likely to thrive. The only mature full-sized tree in my garden is Lane's Prince Albert, which originated in a garden only four miles from where I live. It is a culinary variety, now widely grown, compact in form and regular to crop. Oddly enough, the two most popular apples nationally, Cox and Bramley, are not good garden varieties. Cox is difficult to grow, finicky about setting fruit and only does well in southern counties; Bramley has an iron constitution but, even on dwarfing stock, is a vigorous tree and a triplid fit needs two other compatible types of apple for pollination). Invaluable when planning which trees to grow is Lawrence Hill's 'Good Fruit Guide', which not only describes many varieties, with notes on growing, but shows which nurseries stock them (£2.75 inc. p and p from HDRA, National Centre for Organic Gardening, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry CV8 3LG).

Many herbaceous plants. A good nursery is usually only too glad to advise on the cultivation and relative merits of different apples. At this time of year, fruit growers all over the country invite the public to a tasting: the date is decided locally so watch for posters and check your local radio and newspapers. I can personally recommend Blackmoor Nursery, near Liss in Hampshire, which is holding its open day next Sunday (October 12) and plans to have about 20 different kinds of apple to taste, including Ribston Pippin and Orleans Reinette (two renowned old species) and Greensleeves, a highly recommended modern apple. I must confess to being an enthusiast for old apples with historical associations, but there is no doubt that some of the new kinds are equally fine. Discovery, a chance seedling raised in a private garden in the early 1960s, is now deservedly the most popular early dessert apple.

WEEKEND TIPS: Gather up dead leaves, especially on lawns, and put on compost heap - adding extra activator because leaves decay slowly. If you have large quantities, make a separate bin adding activator for every six inches of leaves. Hoe well to make sure your late sown crops and flowers are not overwhelmed with weeds. If cats are a nuisance on areas planted with bulbs or seedlings, peg out netting for protection until the ground firms and new growth makes the soil less tempting. Plant fly bulbs such as Liliom maritima, L. Tigrianum, L. Henryi, L. Physicium - not madonna lilies. Cut back branches of huddlele which have flowered this year to prevent them from becoming overgrown or damaged by winter winds. Begin to lift Jerusalem artichokes. Cut the stems off first and strip off the foliage for compost. Pot up one or two parsley plants which have not flowered this year for use during the winter.

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Shrinking violets The Parma double violet was the height of floral fashion at the turn of the century, but now it has virtually vanished except from a few nurseries. Outdoors, it needs the protection of a cold frame, but it can be grown as a pot plant in a rich compost. In summer I leave the pots outside in a shady spot, while their winter quarters are a west-facing windowsill in a cool room where they flower freely with regular feeding. We can still order the old names: Duchess De Parme, pale lavender; Marie Louise, darker and more fragrant; and Swanley White, as fragrant but slightly harder. The problem is that because they were so well-known to everyone in their heyday, nobody ever thought to write down a full description of the different varieties. If any reader has a pressed specimen, a good drawing made some time in the past, or a detailed description noted in an old diary or flowerbook, Christopher

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SATURDAY ARTS

A little crop of horrors

TELEVISION

Hollywood's most celebrated wine buff and dead-pan joker was taken on board Omnibus: Hitchcock - Sex, Murder and Mayhem (BBC1).

The title of this second biographical celebration, covering the period of his American glory, echoes that of a lurid movie poster from his subject's heyday.

Without, however, fulfilling its promise; it had little to offer in the shock-horror stakes, and in the case of Hitchcock's alternately sadistic and salacious treatment of his leading ladies, God's advocate never relinquished the stage.

Instead (and welcome), the interviews with the old master and his exant servants concentrated on his restless techniques as a cinematographer concerned with "the assembly of pieces of film to create a night".

I had not realized that the most famous sequence from the oeuvre - Janet Leigh's anti-advertisement for shower curtains in Psycho - was story boarded out by the film's director but by the designer Saul Bass. Here we were shown these story boards, and how like sketches for a shower curtain advertisement they looked.

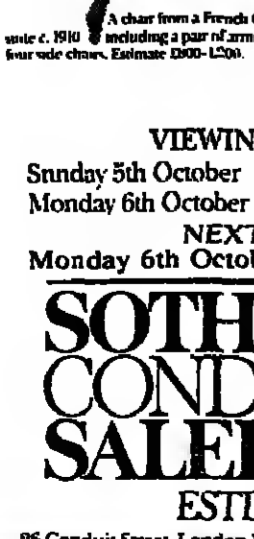
Martin Cropper

Forty-eight major Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings from the Courtauld Collection will be shown in America at the beginning of next year.

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SOOTHEBY'S CONDUIT ST. SALEROOM ESTD.1986

Redbrick, Channel 4's new series about Newcastle University, has learnt a few tricks from EastEnders The students of soap

When Stephen Garrett told his friends he was making an observational documentary series about a year in the life of Newcastle University, their faces fell and they offered him their condolences.

After that, my major concern was to make something absolutely compulsive," he explains. "I decided to use the structure of a soap opera, to choose a small number of people as characters and see the university through their eyes."

His decision to portray the institution through the experience of a handful of people was also influenced by Sherwood Anderson's collection of sketches of small-town America, Winesburg, Ohio, which was first published in 1919.

Despite describing Redbrick as a "real life soap opera", Garrett was thoroughly infected with the hair-shirt spirit of cinema-verbatim.

Stephen Garrett rejected both these options and decided to create a third. "The grainy, hardline, puritanical cinema-verbatim style of filming I find incredibly pretentious and needlessly dull.

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PEKING OPERA in THE MONKEY KING

Eastern promise

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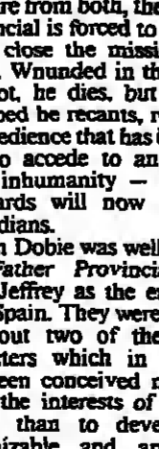
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In the famous showpiece duet from The Corsaire, Guo Peihui danced with warmth and a nice crisp attack. Xiao Minhua, as her admiring slave, had an aptly fierce expression to go with his strong and speedy pirouettes.

For me the most interesting ballet was The New Year's Sacrifice, one act of a long work created for the Central Ballet in 1980.

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Honouring ssshhh, you know who

RADIO

Radio 3 is not much into celebrations, and the 40th anniversary of its first broadcast was very much in character.

There was more than a touch of sparkle to the Potter/Grenfell programme, and across the gap of 40 years it sounded astonishingly fresh.

Perhaps I am being unfair: I take the point. In a time of universal hype, when champagne has ceased to be a drink and has become the successful sportsman's equivalent of the paint aerosol - to be shaken vigorously and sprayed over anything - then you can see the reasons for avoiding it.

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Götterdämmerung

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Concert

Sinfonietta/Atherton Festival Hall

It is exactly as it was last week: the Britten/Tippett Festival is proving, at least as far as the South Bank concerts are concerned, a celebration without a crowd.

For the Sinfonietta themselves, conducted by David Atherton, it was not quite such a happy occasion. The band had been expanded in every department except the violins, whose weedy tone and lack of rhythmic life were a disappointment.

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REVIEW

Live Bernstein makes every moment count

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Copland Symphony No.3/Quartet City, New York Philharmonic/Leonard Bernstein, DG419 170-2 (CD)

phony with the same composer's cello concerto. Typically, Bernstein tends to over-exaggerate the contrasts in the symphony...

There seems to be something of a vogue for live performances on record. One can study recordings often sound like sterile documents rather than real performances.



Bernstein pumping adrenaline

playing. The same passionate intensity more appositely pervades Mischka Malsky's reading of the turbulent cello concerto...

Stephen Pettitt

Sweetly sensed

Salzburg Recital Kathleen Battle/James Levine, DG CD 415 361-2 (also black disc and cassette)

little violet ditty, sweetly-scented, but cunningly avoiding any hint of the arch.

Kathleen Battle, very much in opera-fanciers' ears and minds at the moment for her schoolgirl Zerlina in Karajan's new Don Giovanni...

Even in "Music for a While" and "Sweeter than Roses" this is hardly, of course, the place to look for any semblance of Baroque style...

Hilary Finch

Low sparks on high art

PAPERBACKS

The Other Half by Kenneth Clark (Hamish Hamilton, £8.95) More Memoirs of an Aesthete by Harold Acton (Hamish Hamilton, £8.95)

There is something faintly similar between the two well-preserved old gentlemen who smile out at us from the covers of these two autobiographies.

Clark and Acton are self-confessed aesthetes - a faintly dirty word. An aesthete is to be distinguished from the true lover of art who responds to those things that also inspire artists - nature, the beauty of women, the omnipresence of God.

Of the two memoirists, Kenneth Clark is the more interesting and sympathetic. He starts the second volume of his autobiography at the beginning of the war...

Expansive Habits by Simon Garfield (Faber, £5.95)

There are certain cautionary tales that are destined to be recounted in perpetuity, their lessons being learnt so rarely by successive generations of youth.

The year I have in mind may be tinged with apocrypha after 20 years in circulation, but the core of it remains fact. This was a story I once heard from a source who, in the circumstances, may sound unlikely, but who is nevertheless plausible.

A group of young musicians, virtually unknown, is travelling to a booking in a worn-out van that breaks down on the way.

For this he asks nothing in return save that, supposing just supposing they should have any songs published in the future, he shall receive a percentage of the royalties.



Discerning style: Lord Clark, who found pleasure in the contemplation of art

mineshaft in the Welsh mountains. A discerning patron, Clark was also a dedicated committee man...

Pop that sold its soul

than the gathering dusk, the corpse of their transport and the gig in hand.

Simon Garfield does not tell this particular story in his excellent book on the financial chicanery of the pop industry.

Pop deals get done, but the creators get disenfranchised

such bitter anecdote and such hair-raising chapter and verse that the story of the van and the man acquires by comparison the deceptive simplicity of a parable.

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Stings and so on, right up to George Michael and his contemporaries, all filing through the foyers of the record companies like a succession of Candidates.

We all know that usury stalks the record business (and book publishing too, come to that), and suspect that it will be ever thus.

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Alan Franks

The great and odd

BOOKS IN BRIEF

Alexander the Great by Robin Lane Fox (Penguin, £5.95)

More than 20 contemporary writers wrote Lives of Alexander, and not one of them survives.

Best SF of the Year edited by Terry Carr (Gollancz, £3.95)

A Terran expedition to a planet whose more or less humanoid inhabitants are at the Bronze Age level of civilization.

The Sonnets and A Lover's Complaint by William Shakespeare, edited by John Kerrigan (Penguin, £4.95)

The comedies are for boys; the tragedies for men; but he who aspires to be a hero will end up with the sonnets.

The Ambassador by André Brink (Fontana, £3.95)

This triangle of public and private love and hate is set in Paris in the early Sixties.

ARTS DIARY

Pressure points

Harvard University has "leaned on" the Bodley Head to stop publication of a startling new book.

The book, chronicling the multi-million pound swindle which the scholar Berenson and the entrepreneur Duveen ran between 1912 and 1938...

The dispute is over damning letters from the Berenson archive to which Harvard claims copyright.

Lend a hand

An unusual responsibility is being thrust upon visitors to the Benjamin Britten symposium at Aldbrough today.

Second fiddle

Sir Yehudi Menuhin's friend, Luigi Alberto Bianchi, makes his second London debut at the Royal Festival Hall on October 21.



Bianchi and Menuhin

as a viola player some years ago. But a thief on a scooter stole his Amati viola, and instead of replacing it he came up with a long-bodied Stradivarius viola...

Art on HP

A West End gallery, Blond Fine Art, is offering young but impetuous art-lovers the chance to purchase paintings on an instalment plan.

Christopher Wilson

Advertisement for Iris Murdoch's 'The Good Apprentice', shortlisted for the 1985 Booker Prize.

True blues, melodic dreams

JAZZ RECORDS

Wynton Marsalis J Mood (CBS 57068) Art Farmer Portrait (Goplicity COP 029)

Whereas saxophone players usually want to be alone with their rhythm section, trumpeters generally prefer the company of another horn.

ROCK RECORDS

New Model Army The Ghost of Cain (EMI EMC 3516)

Whatever happened to the English rock group? The institution which, more than any other, was responsible in the Sixties for transforming the disparate strands of pop, blues and rock 'n' roll into the genus "rock"...

ROCK RECORDS

Armoury: Slade and Heaton

mix, and against the taut vamped chords of "All of This" the cracked notes and popping consonants lend an air of vulnerability to the darkly-illustrated narrative.



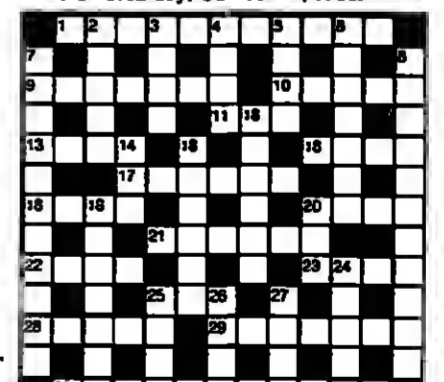
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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1071

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, October 9, 1986.

- ACROSS: 1 Lady (11) 9 Apart (7) 10 Arbitrary assertion (3,2) 11 Eccentric (3) 13 Skater's twisting jump (4) 16 So be it (4) 17 Curt (6) 18 Arch (4) 20 Make busy (4) 21 Origin (6) 22 Kind (4) 23 Happy (4) 25 Young flower (3) 28 Resist authority (5) 29 Injection fluids vessel (7) 30 Insulation rubber (5,6)



- DOWN: 2 Avoid cunningly (5) 3 Commotion (2,2) 4 Restive (4) 5 Eject (4) 6 Extremely bad (7) 7 Zoroaster (11) 8 Oppressed (11) 12 Referee (6) 14 Track circuit (3) 15 Gold-coloured alloy (6) 19 Carnion-eating stork (7) 20 Plead (3) 24 Cruckle (5) 25 Ink spot (4)

- SOLUTION TO NO 1070: ACROSS: 1 Affirm 3 Cavalry 8 Oil 9 Closed 10 Income 11 Deal 12 Sierring 14 Spare 17 Surch 19 Infelix dig 22 Rope 24 Acumen 25 Eyeing 26 Dia 27 Gentry 28 Tactic DOWN: 2 False 3 Insular 4 Modiste 5 Clive 6 Vocal 7 Almanac 13 Rot 15 Paracetamol 16 Sea 17 Squared 18 Earnest 20 Remit 21 Dandy 23 Panel

- SOLUTION TO NO 1065 (last Saturday's prize concise): ACROSS: 1 Convulsus 9 Arisan 10 Grebe 11 Due 13 Idea 16 Hear 17 Slimy 18 Gump 20 Mesh 21 Spanza 22 Idea 23 Field 24 Cow 28 Heave 29 Allegro 30 Secretary DOWN: 2 Ouvre 3 Vast 4 Lend 5 Urge 6 Ukelele 7 Hagiography 8 Tetrahedron 12 Unkind 14 Asp 15 Bistrot 19 Welfare 20 Mar 24 Argot 25 Code 26 Wand 27 Clap

THE WEEK AHEAD



OPERA

STORCH SONG: Alan Ople sings the composer-conductor Storch in Richard Strauss's 1924 opera, Intermezzo.



GALLERIES

PUNCH LINES: George du Maurier, one of the finest of Victorian black-and-white artists, was an unsurpassed chronicler of high society in the pages of Punch for 30 years until his death in 1896.



BOOKS

CIVIL SORES: Mario Vargas Llosa, one of the leading contemporary novelists of Latin America, has produced in The Real Life of Alejandro Mayta...



DANCE

BINTLEY FIRST: Lesley Collier and the Royal Ballet open a new season with a quadruple bill which includes the first London performance of David Bintley's Galanteries.



FILMS

SEA DOG: Roman Potanski, who has been away from the cinema since directing his Thomas Hardy adaptation, Tess, seven years ago, makes his come-back with a project he has long cherished.



TELEVISION

BEWITCHED: Patricia Hodge plays a romantic novelist who has an affair and lives to regret it in Fay Weldon's story of witchcraft and revenge, The Life and Loves of a She Devil.

TELEVISION

A SUMMER DOWN UNDER: THE AMERICA'S CUP: First weekly report on the colourful multi-million pound extravaganza to win the ultimate in yacht-racing trophies.

RADIO

AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE: Ibsen's play about a Norwegian doctor (Michael Williams) who ranges the townspeople against him.

FILMS ON TV

HOW TO MURDER YOUR WIFE (1964): Jack Lemmon as a cartoonist with an unwanted spouse.

CONCERTS

LITTON/LSO: Andrew Litton conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in Rachmaninov's Symphony No. 2.

OPERA

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Alza on Fri at 7pm with a revival of John Copley's production, Mearnsville Mikado.

GALLERIES OPENINGS

IDENTITY/DESIRE: Contemporary artists' views of the human form. Collins Gallery, Richmond Street, Glasgow (041 552 4400).

JAZZ

JIGGS WHIGHAM: A former Kenton sideman, this US trombonist is partnered by the saxophones of Tommy Whittle (tonight) and Peter King (tomorrow).

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: Largo Desolate: New Tom Stoppard adaptation and translation of a play by Czech dissident Václav Havel, as yet unperformed in Czechoslovakia.

THEATRE IN PREVIEW

LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES: Christopher Hampton's adaptation of the 18th century novel by Laclos transfers to the West End.

FILMS OPENINGS

OTHER HALVES (15): Lisa Harrow as the lady who crashes through barriers of age, class and colour and falls for a 16-year-old black.

ROCK

JACKSON BROWNE: Last chance to catch the Californian singer/songwriter with the laid-back sound and increasingly up-front politics.

BOOKINGS FIRST CHANCE

SOUTH BANK: General booking opens Tues for November concerts, including first London appearance by Westford Festival Opera in Rossini's Tancredi.

LAST CHANCE

DREAMS OF A SUMMER NIGHT: Hayward summer exhibition of Scandinavian painting at the turn of the century. Ends tomorrow.



Funny man on a razor's edge: brushing off the circus sawdust, Michael Crawford practises paths for the Paris sewers

The phantom takes fright

Michael Crawford, who opens this week in Andrew Lloyd Webber's 22m musical The Phantom of the Opera, was once voted the funniest man on television, but there will not be many laughs in his latest venture.

For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

THE SOUTH BANK CENTRE

Open play with free exhibitions and fund-raising music. Coffee, Soft, Buns and Refreshments.

Table listing various musical events at the South Bank Centre, including 'The Prices of London', 'LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA', and 'WREN ORCHESTRA OF LONDON'.

BARBICAN HALL

Barbican Centre, Silk St. EC2Y 8DS. Telephone Bookings: 10am-8pm 7 days a week.

Table listing musical events at Barbican Hall, including 'LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA', 'WREN ORCHESTRA OF LONDON', and 'GERMANY'S BEST'.

WREN ORCHESTRA OF LONDON

Conductor: CARL DAVIS. Piano: HOWARD SHELLEY.

Table listing musical events at Wren Orchestra of London, including 'WREN ORCHESTRA OF LONDON', 'RAYMOND GUBBAY presents', and 'SATURDAY NEXT 11 OCTOBER'.

WEDNESDAY NEXT at 7.30 POPULAR CLASSICS

Conductor: BRAMBELL TOVEY. Soloist: ANNA JOSEPH.

Table listing musical events at Barbican Hall, including 'WEDNESDAY NEXT at 7.30', 'THURSDAY NEXT at 7.30', and 'SATURDAY NEXT 11 OCTOBER'.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

150, Queen Elizabeth II Way, London W1. Telephone: 01-499 8100.

Table listing musical events at Queen Elizabeth Hall, including 'ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL TOMORROW at 3.15 pm', 'JORGE BOLET', and 'MOSCOW PHILHARMONIC'.

WIGMORE HALL

21 Wigmore Street, London W1. Telephone: 01-625 4141.

Table listing musical events at Wigmore Hall, including 'WIGMORE HALL SHURA CHERKASSKY', 'SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE CONCERT', and 'WIGMORE HALL SHURA CHERKASSKY'.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Barbican Centre, Silk St. EC2Y 8DS. Telephone: 01-638 8891.

Table listing musical events at London Symphony Orchestra, including 'LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA', 'MOSKOW PHILHARMONIC', and 'ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'.

GERMANY'S BEST

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WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Westminster Cathedral, 110 Abchurch Lane, London EC4A 3DF.

Table listing musical events at Westminster Cathedral, including 'WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL', 'BRITISH PREMIERE', and 'FAIRFIELD HALL CROYDON'.

PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA

Principal Conductor: Giuseppe Sinopoli.

Table listing musical events at Philharmonia Orchestra, including 'PHILHARMONIA CHORUS', 'ANDREW SHULMAN', and 'GIUSEPPE SINOPOLI'.

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ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

175th ANNIVERSARY SEASON. Wednesday Next 8 October at 7.30 pm.

Table listing musical events at Royal Philharmonic Society, including 'ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY', 'WITOLD LUTOSLAWSKI', and 'JAMES LOUGHRAN'.

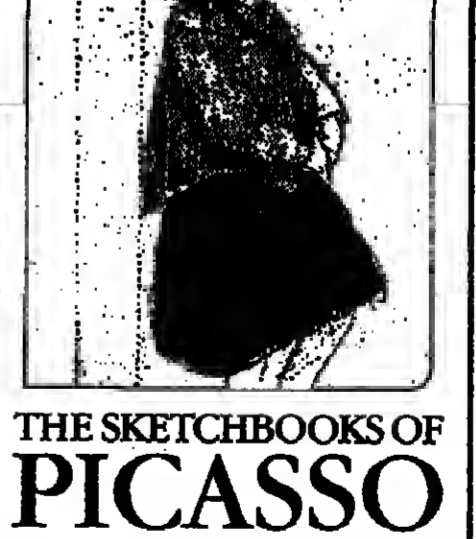
ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Conducted by RAYMOND LEPPARD. FRANK PETER ZIMMERMANN violin.

Table listing musical events at English Chamber Orchestra, including 'ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA', 'EUGENE SARBU violin', and 'CARMINA SARBU piano'.

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THE SKETCHBOOKS OF PICASSO. 11 September to 19 November, 1986.



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BARBICAN CENTRE NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Table listing November highlights at Barbican Centre, including 'BARBICAN HALL November concerts include', 'BARBICAN THEATRE AND THE PIT', and 'BARBICAN CINEMA'.

St John's Smith Square

Conductor: MICHAEL LLOYD. Soloist: PHILIP FOWLER.

Table listing musical events at St John's Smith Square, including 'St John's Smith Square', 'MICHAEL BROWN', and 'ANNE RICHARDS'.

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STOCK MARKET

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THE POUND

US Dollar 1.4410 (+0.0080) W German Mark 2.8784 (+0.0038) Trade-weighted 68.2 (-0.1)

50% rise in Scottish TV profits

Scottish Television yesterday announced pre-tax profits in the half year to June 30 of £2.1 million, a rise of 50 per cent. Advertising sales rose 19.4 per cent to £31.9 million and sales of programmes and services rose 50 per cent to £1.4 million.

Spurs lose

Tottenham Hotspur, the only football club listed on the Stock Exchange, passed its final dividend for the year ending May 31 after making a pre-tax loss of £730,000 on turnover of £5.5 million, compared with £87,000 profits in 1984-85 on turnover of £5.7 million.

£8m offer

Kennedy Brookes is to make an agreed bid for Crusts, the health food restaurant. The bid includes preference shares. The offer of six Kennedy shares for 11 Crusts shares values Crusts at £8 million.

Bond buys

Mr Alan Bond's family company, Dailhoidt Investments, is paying \$16 million (£11.1 million) for the Coliseum gold project in San Bernardino County, California.

Reuters deal

A conditional agreement has been signed for Reuters to make an offer to acquire the equity of Finsbury, a private company operating databases used by financial-related markets.

Homes deal

Nationwide Leisure, the sports goods retailer and caravan park operator is to buy a group of nursing and residential homes for the elderly in a deal worth £4.3 million in cash.

Table with 2 columns: Market, Change. Includes Mosaic Markets, Wall Street, Co News, Foreign Exchange, Commodities, USM Prices, Stock Market.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

Table with 2 columns: Location, Price/Change. Includes New York, Tokyo, Nikkei Dow, Hong Kong, Hang Seng, Amsterdam Gen, Sydney: AO, Frankfurt, Commerzbank, Brussels, General, Paris: CAC, Zurich, SKA General, London closing prices.

INTEREST RATES

Table with 2 columns: Rate, Value. Includes London, Bank Base, 3-month interbank, 3-month eligible bills, buying rate, US, Prime Rate, Federal Funds, 3-month, 30-year bonds.

CURRENCIES

Table with 2 columns: Location, Rate. Includes London, New York, E, DM, S, Yen, ECU, SDR.

Rise in base rate resisted as slide in pound goes on

The pound continued to retreat against most currencies yesterday as effective central bank intervention failed to materialize and fears of a substantial rise in base rates persisted. Market-makers are waiting for Tuesday's money supply figures for September, regarded as the next crucial indicator for movement in interest rates.

US jobless up to 7 per cent as manufacturing suffers

Unemployment in the United States rose unexpectedly to 7 per cent in September from 6.8 per cent in August, revealing considerable weaknesses in the manufacturing sector. The poorer Department of Labour figures for September reversed the trend of three successive months in which unemployment declined, and revived fears that the economy would not rebound from a sluggish first half.

Ranks Hovis acquisitions cost £11.7m

Northern Foods, the diversified food group, is to sell two subsidiaries which make ingredients for the catering and baking industries to Ranks Hovis McDougall for £11.7 million in cash.

Reagan gains clear run at Federal Reserve

The surprise resignation of Mr Emmett Rice, a governor of the US Federal Reserve Board and a strong supporter of Mr Paul Volcker, the chairman, has given President Reagan a rare opportunity to put a strong supply-side stamp on the US central bank.

Unhappy THF face inquiry

Trusthouse Forte's £200 million purchase of hotels, restaurants and inns from Hanson Trust is to be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The 205 outlets were formerly part of the Imperial Group bought by Hanson Trust in a £2.5 billion takeover battle earlier this year.



Robert Maxwell: Keen to prevent merger

Maxwell raises McCorquodale stake to 7.5%

Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of the Daily Mirror, yesterday kept the pot boiling on the McCorquodale bid drama by announcing he had raised his stake in McCorquodale from 5.9 per cent to 7.5 per cent.

Fastest can in the West

Coca-Cola yesterday unveiled a drink canning operation, costing more than £6 million, at its Milton Keynes plant.

IMF chief in rates warning

Washington (AP-DJ) - A warning against "over-reliance on exchange rate adjustments" to achieve a better balance in the current account positions of leading industrial countries was given yesterday by Jacques de Larosiere, managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

£1m injection may rescue Blacks Leisure

Blacks Leisure Group, the troubled camping equipment retail chain, may be saved from receivership by the intervention of a consortium of investors including Mr Alan Thornton, former managing director of Lotus Shoes.

FRAMLINGTON GROWTH RATES

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US confusion over Pretoria gold deals

Leading American securities firms which make markets in South African gold shares suspended some of their dealings yesterday as their corporate lawyers pored over the United States sanctions bill to see whether it prohibited share purchases. The bill, which was passed on Thursday when the Senate overrode President Reagan's veto, prohibits new investment in South Africa by Americans. Spokesmen for the American firms in London said that they were trying to establish whether buying shares registered in South Africa was breaking the law.

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WALL STREET

Jobless figures hoist Dow in early trading

New York (Agencies) - Share prices followed the bond market to sharply higher levels after the release of September unemployment figures yesterday morning. The Dow Jones industrial average was up about 17 points at the 1,798 level at one early stage when advancing issues were leading declining shares by a better than 3-to-1 margin. The US Labor Department reported that civilian unemployment last month rose 0.2 percentage point to 7 per cent, while non-farm employment expanded by 107,000, far less than expected. Commenting on the third-quarter economy after the...

Business failures edge up

Total business failures in Britain during the first nine months of this year reached 16,349, an increase of 0.4 per cent on last year, according to figures produced by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information service. Bankruptcies among firms, partnerships and individuals were by 387 or 7.8 per cent, in contrast with a 20 per cent fall in the same period last year, while company liquidations were down by 2.5 per cent. For the three months to the end of September, the number of business failures in England and Wales declined from 4,736 to 4,673. London and the South-east was the most affected area with a total of 1,982 failures, followed by the North-west with 638. But next year, 80 per cent of the Austin Rover gear will be...

Austin Rover gears up for big sales drive in Japan

Austin Rover, the Rover Group's volume car subsidiary, is launching a big sales drive in Japan. The company has been under pressure from Mr Graham Day, the group chairman, to beef up its marketing. Austin Rover claims to be the fastest-expanding importer into Japan, with sales of about 3,000 cars expected this year before the new drive starts. Imported cars account for only a small percentage of sales in Japan but the Mini has caught on as a chic vehicle for driving in the big cities. The MG Maestro is also being imported. But next year, 80 per cent of the Austin Rover gear will be...

Building analysts head westwards to size up the US

Analysts from the British building materials sector set off this weekend on a field trip to the big American interests of Redland, Pilkington and Blue Circle. Some will visit also Marley, Wolseley-Hughes and Costain. A trip of this kind is interesting for several reasons - even before the analysts get their feet dirty. First, it is an unusual example of corporate co-operation. Redland was the first to come up with the idea but Pilkington and Blue Circle industries niftily jumped on the band wagon. BCI is also sending invitations to US analysts. Secondly, it shows a growing awareness by companies of the need to show the City how they are spending money. Thirdly, the fact that they have businesses worth going all that way to see demonstrates the extent of their diversification away from the British building materials sector and their American earnings potential. Lastly, it indicates a more disciplined approach to the organizing of analysts' trips. Brokers usually visit companies at their own initiative. The favoured broker often gains a valuable insight, thus making it difficult for others to comment usefully on their findings. Although issuing blanket invitations may detract from the immediate excitement, it is longer term. Success in RMC Group has, for example, outperformed the market by more than 20 per cent since a trip to West Germany was organized last October. The week starts at Redland Worth in San Antonio, Texas. Although this is undoubtedly a good business interest, it may be overshadowed by its parent's acquisition this week of Genstar Stone for \$317.5 million (£220.5 million). Now, North American earnings should account for something like a third of the group total. Moving on to Sherman in Texas, analysts will see Pilkington's glass manufacturing and processing opera-

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Table with columns for company names and stock prices. Includes companies like AMR, ASA, Allied Signal, etc.

BAILLIE GIFFORD JAPAN TRUST: Results for the year to August 31 include a dividend of 0.4p (0.6p) payable on December 8. Gross investment income £617,832 (£475,619), revenue before tax £131,189 (£113,230), eps 0.46p (0.72p), asset value per ordinary share £38.7p (£28.6p), diluted asset value per ordinary share 49.28p (£24.10). KOTFAK: Final dividend Aus3.75 cents making Aus5 cents (Aus2.5 cents) for year ended July 30. Unaudited eps Aus\$8.69 million or £3.7 million (Aus\$6.15) eps Aus2.65 cents (Aus1.4 cents). BRITANIA SECURITY GROUP: The group has conditionally agreed to acquire Southern Securities equipment used for making up at customers' premises, the benefit...

COMPANY NEWS: LILLESHELL CO: Half-year to June 28, interim dividend 0.75p (same), payable on Dec 3. Turnover £3.31 million (£3 million), Pretax profit £39 million (£75 million). Earnings per share 3.5p (2.8p). The board reports that it is looking forward with greater confidence to the remainder of the year. Lilleshall's underlying strength (£21.79 million) (£20.5 million) has been maintained and a variety of options have now been opened up to improve profitability. ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE OFFICE: Half-year to Aug 31. Turnover (gross premiums) general £27.2 million (£23.01 million) and life £6.76 million (£6.35 million), making £33.96 million (£29.36 million). Net premiums general £12.9 million (£11.29 million) and life £6.72 million (£6.3 million), making £19.62 million (£17.59 million). Pretax profit £1.76 million (£2.05 million).

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of foreign exchange rates including Sterling Index, Other Sterling Rates, Dollar Spot Rates, and Sterling Spot and Forward Rates.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES: Table showing futures prices for Three Month Sterling, Dec 56, Jan 57, etc.

CANADIAN PRICES

Table of Canadian prices for various commodities and currencies.

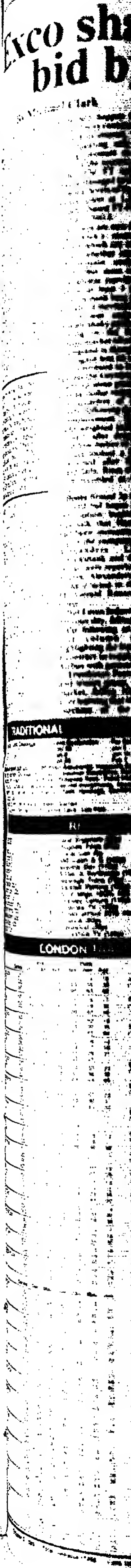
Tottenham Hotspur: "We hate Tottenham Hotspur" is the cry from Old Trafford. But Spurs are hardly to be liked much more in the City where its shares have never beaten the 1983 flotation price of 100p. Yesterday's final results were predictably awful - a £730,000 pretax loss against a £653,000 profit the previous year, and a passed final dividend of 10p. Football was at a low ebb last season, and Spurs suffered more than most. The Heysel Stadium riots meant that there was no European competition. The group is trying to reduce its dependence on the mercurial Glen Hoddle et al. It has moved into sportsware marketing and book publishing, while efforts are being made to get the turnstile clicking faster at White Hart Lane, where overheads are being cut. All this should help, but a return to Europe would be more valuable, and that looks unlikely in the near future. The shares remain a speculative punt at 73p, despite the attentions of Mr Irving Brown, the American property magnate, who has bought up a 14 per cent stake.

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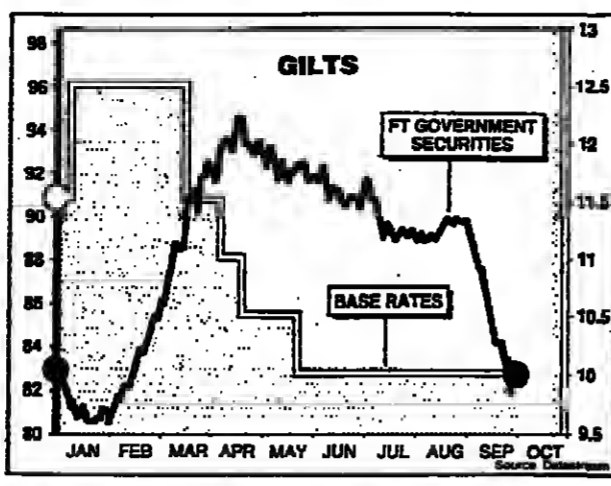
Exco shares rise on talk of bid by Tan Sri Khoo

By Michael Clark

Shares of Exco International, the money broker and financial services group, rose 5p to 228p in after hours trading yesterday, amid speculation that the powerful Canadian Belzberg family had raised their holding in the company to above 10 per cent.

Dealers claim that this could clear the way for Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puan, the Malaysian businessman, to launch a full bid for Exco. Tan Sri Khoo is Exco's biggest shareholder, with 67.85 million shares (28.97 per cent) and he already has a seat on the board.

News this week that the acquisitive Mr David Abell's Suter had more than doubled its holding to 24 per cent in Thermax, the toughened glass manufacturer, has certainly created a few ripples among speculators.



Group's restaurant and hotel chain had been referred to the Monopolies Commission. THF had already agreed with Hanson Trust on a price of £192 million for the chain of 61 Happy Easter restaurants.

Mr Robert Maxwell, owner of the Daily Mirror, has again been buying more shares in McCosquodale, the specialist printer, which is currently the target of an unwanted, £145 million bid from rival Norton Opax.

then paid £110 million for the Kenning Motor Group. But, within the past few weeks, he has reduced his holding in Imperial Continental Gas, the subject of intense bid speculation, from 2.3 to 1.3 per cent.

The Labour Party's proposals to re-nationalise British Telecom at its original offer price of 132p if it is returned to power at the next General Election is still giving cause for concern in the market.

COMMENT

Grand Metropolitan takes to the bunker

Grand Metropolitan is in a situation that cannot go unresolved. The predators have been gathering for some while. We know that Mr Charles Knapp and a group of American backers have been dabbling speculatively in Grand Met shares with one hand and offering a £900 million deal to buy Grand Met's prestigious Intercontinental Hotels chain with the other.

The multi-millionaire Mr Alan Bond has been quietly extending feelers behind the scenes about widening his Australian drinks interests further in Britain. Were Grand Met amenable to the idea he would be delighted to do a deal. Were it not, he might take a share of the spoils along with others in a break-up exercise.

specialist Tim Bell is being recruited to the team.

The difficulty faced by Sir Stanley and his team is that there is a yawning gap between the market worth of Grand Met and the values of the companies inside the group.

The wines and spirits division, reckoned even by its competitors to be directed with masterly skill, is alone worth perhaps £1.7 billion, or getting on for half the current capitalization of the whole group.

After the Elders bid for Courage, Watney Mann and Truman, the brewing operations, plus more than 6,000 public houses, must be worth £1.4 billion. Intercontinental Hotels is a unique property. If Mr Knapp will offer £900 million for the privilege of getting round the table, a sale price of over £1 billion should be comfortably attainable.

Throwing in some excellent US operations, which are producing low returns as yet but have great growth potential, it is not over-egging the pudding to reach a value of £5.8 billion for the Grand Met treasure chest. Netting off debt would suggest a break-up value of 580p per share. The yawning gap which exists between that and the share price of 421p is rather too uncomfortable for most major shareholders to stomach.

Jam today, Boots tomorrow

Waiting for jam tomorrow is fine, but hoping for caviar maybe the day after can bring unacceptable risk. Occasionally, however, the City delivers unusually severe verdicts on directors who are prudently developing corporate strategies.

The rest of the drinks sector remained mixed. Grand Metropolitan, still waiting to find out the identity of its new chief executive, recovered an early 3p fall, to close 3p higher at 421p. The group is being tipped as the next candidate for a "mega-bid".

There is a paradox in this. In the run-up to Big Bang, nowhere is the concept of paying a price to become a player in the game more clearly understood than in the City. Millions have changed hands in the corporate jockeying for favourable positions on October 27. But as to profit, it is widely recognized as becoming a scarce commodity for a year or two.

There was something akin to a shareholders' revolt when Boots adopted a similar approach in its strategic ambition to become a significant player in the huge United States drugs market. That market represents 28 per cent of the world's pharmaceutical sales, compared with Britain's 3 per cent. Moreover, it is one free from government interfer-

ence in pricing and, in terms of profit, is even more important than the figures suggest.

Boots has some potentially money-spinning drugs coming through the long development and licensing process and had to decide on the best way to maximize the benefits to the company. The anti-arthritis treatment, Brufen, became the best selling drug in the US.

The new drugs have great potential too. Flosequan is due to make an entry in three or four years' time on the US market for heart and hypertensive drugs, which is worth more than \$2 billion. This and two or three more promising products will be distributed through the new US acquisition, Flint, which caused the furore in the City. At \$555 million, it was not cheap and will give rise to some modest earnings dilution this year. But without a US sales force and distribution network, Boots would again be forced to part with the bulk of the benefits to others.

Success in pharmaceuticals is elusive but the pay-offs are massive. Boots' critics should remember that Glaxo went through a spell of disenchantment in the City during the late 1970s when its shares were the equivalent of 37p. Now they are over £9. Perhaps Boots shares, at 228p, are good long-term value too.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table with columns: First Dealings, Last Dealings, Last Declaration, For Settlement. Lists various stock options and their prices.

APPOINTMENTS

Donald Duffy, Mr William Castard and Mr Langdon Stevenson become directors. Rugby Portland Cement: Mr C P Jackson joins the board.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns: EQUITIES, RIGHTS ISSUES. Lists recent stock issues and their prices.

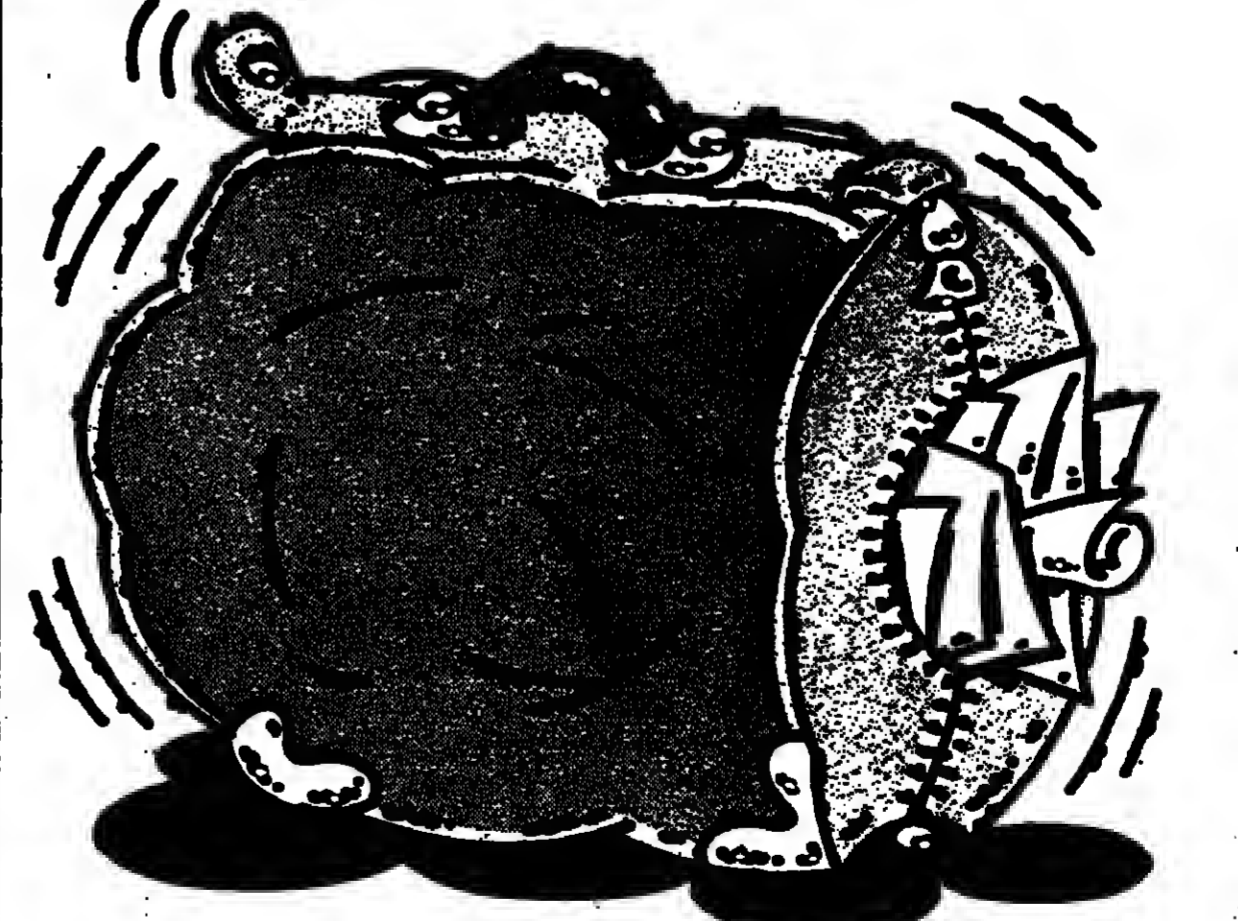
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares continue to drift

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Six billion in gas pipeline

PRIVATIZATION

The pattern of discounts and bonuses is familiar, but the size of the British Gas flotation distinguishes it from all the rest. MARTIN BAKER looks at what promises to be the biggest boost yet to the Government's coffers

British Gas is coming up for sale, digital flame and all. The company's determined publicity campaign waged through the newspapers, a mail shot of 16 million customers, the hundreds of high street branches, and the already familiar crypto-rock video commercials, will all bring the attractions of an ambitious offer to our notice.

It is the company's stated intention to make 98 per cent of the population aware of the sale at the end of November.

"It is likely to be the largest share offer of all time," says Anthony Alt, one of the bankers behind the privatization.

The figures are virtually meaningless to most people. The first half of British Telecom raised £3.9 billion in 1984, the TSB, from which the Government receives no money, has pulled in more than £1.25 billion, but British Gas will almost certainly bring in more than both put together.

The precise amount of money the Government hopes to raise is not yet known, but conservative estimates are around the £6 billion mark.

For the small investor the size of the company being sold is probably about as important as how many times investors would stretch around the world if laid end to end. More important questions must be whether investors should apply at all, how likely they are to receive any shares, and what, if anything, needs to be done between now and the end of November.

Should you apply? The prospects for British Gas are not quite as wonderful as they seemed a year ago. At that time oil, which is more or less the commodity that British Gas is selling to us, was trading at more than \$25 per barrel. Since then the oil price has collapsed and recovered slightly to today's level of around \$15 per barrel. But British Gas, of course, has a monopoly, which hardly promotes a cost-cutting war.

As the oil price does not help, the state of the Stock Market is doubly important. All the talk of bull (rising) and bear (falling) markets actually does have some significance for the small investor.



Flame of hope: the commercials are expected to stimulate investment on the big scale

The big investors, the pension funds and insurance companies, naturally have a stronger appetite for shares if prices are generally increasing. Should the stock market be in a pronounced downward phase next month, investors may find themselves with very little appetite for such a big issue. They might just choke

It has a definite Telecom ring to it

and decide they do not want British Gas, and if they do the share price will probably fall.

Some analysts say the Government cannot afford to let small investors suffer in this way - there will be a general election sooner or later. So the bankers may have to pitch the share price so low that a profit for everyone is guaranteed. But we do not know the share price yet, only that the minimum investment will be £150 worth of shares.

The shares are likely to be paid for in instalments, so an outlay of less than that will be required in the same way that only 50p was required as the first instalment of the £1 TSB shares.

There are important differences from the TSB issue. The two should not be confused. British Gas, is not a

give-away. The Government takes the money paid for shares. In the case of TSB, shareholders own all the assets of the business, including the money they paid for their stake to the bank.

The pattern of inducements to buy and hold British Gas shares definitely has a Telecom ring to it. Subscribers will be eligible for vouchers providing a discount on bills at the rate of £10 per hundred shares held. The alternative is a loyalty bonus - one share free for every 10 shares bought and held for three years.

British Gas customers are certain to receive shares, provided they register their interest by contacting the British Gas Share Information Office by November 14 at the latest. The address is PO Box 1, Bristol BS99 1BG (0272-272272). British Gas showrooms also have information packs and registration forms.

So far there have been two million inquiries, but there are 16 million British Gas customers, all of whom are entitled to register and be sure of their shares.

Precisely who will receive the priority status in households where accommodation is shared is uncertain. But the company has made it quite clear that there will be only one priority application per

metered supply. If the issue turns out to be attractive, the flotation may prove to be a charter for domestic quarrels. Two million applicants are expected to be disappointed by the TSB issue, which will be traded for the first time next Friday. British Gas is unafraid of a huge share register.

Reward must be the intention

Mr Alt says he wants "as many as possible" of the 16 million British Gas customers to apply for shares. The TSB's target was a modest one million subscription list. This inference must be that the intention is to reward British Gas applicants with a stake in the company.

There can be little doubt that British Gas will finish 1986 as the company with the biggest share register in Britain. How the organizers of the issue envisage informing 98 per cent of the population about the sale is a question which intrigues the marketing and publicity industry.

More Colin Welland? More punk opera television commercials? By next month you will know about the British Gas sale whether you like it or not.

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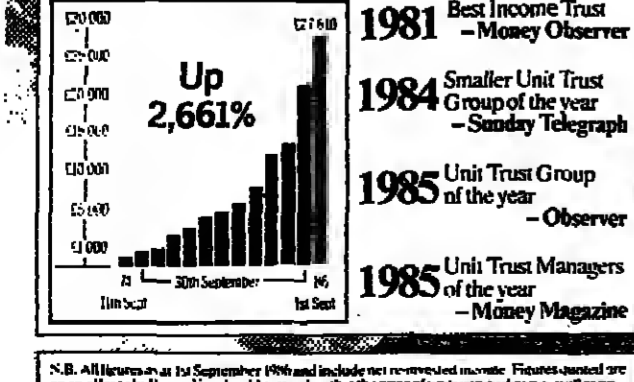
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A keen eye on share crooks

FRAUD

This week the first defendants were prosecuted for obtaining British Telecom shares by deception. Their crime is known in the City as a multiple application - applying for shares under several false names. The idea is to multiply the chances of gaining shares in a new share issue that looks as though it will be successful. Many a household pet has had an application for shares made in its name.

Until the Government began its privatization programme in earnest the multiple application was regarded as part and parcel of the successful issue. City mores were extremely relaxed on this practice, but stopped short of open admission or approval. The attitude to multiple applications mirrored the attitude to embarrassing diseases. No one would admit to contamination, but everyone seemed to know of someone who was contaminated.

But the success of the BT issue backfired on some of the multiple applicants. The once accepted practice suddenly became theft of government property, and the share-owning pets were suddenly dropped from luncheon conversations.

The TSB has identified 6,200 "suspect" application forms. The accompanying cheques have all been cashed while the process of inquiry takes its course. The TSB is doing its best not to prejudge. The applications all went into the ballot, but the bank will be in a hurry to return the money until it is sure that the applicants are genuine.

If the TSB finds multiple

applications, it will "send the names off to the Director of Public Prosecutions - after that it is out of the bank's hands". It will be interesting to see if the DPP takes a similarly stern line when the people cheated are the bank's shareholders rather than the Government.

British Gas is the next opportunity for the unscrupulous. Assuming the issue is attractive enough to lure multiple applications, the British Gas issue should present horrendous logistical problems for those trying to police the issue. The company wants as many of its 16 million customers as possible to subscribe. Imagine trying to sort out the cheats in that crowd.

Special team has been brought in

The major deterrent used by the organisers of the flotations seems to be publicity. The threat of prosecution and the constant utterances that justice will be swift and terrible are seen as the most potent weapons. The emphasis is on prevention rather than cure, though the TSB did go to the lengths of keeping video cameras in certain branches to record shameless applicants.

A tiny handful were prosecuted for their BT antics - fewer than 10 out of an original shareholders' register (almost certainly containing their fair share of cats, dogs and fictitious personages) of more than 2.5 million.

The British Gas strategy will be, according to a spokesman, to "go a stage further than the TSB. We will explain what a multiple application is as well as warning against



Lord Roskill: fraud report

doing it. One application for everyone in the family is fine, but no more.

The Government is understandably keen to deal with fraud strictly, and to be seen to do so. This week's Home Office response to Lord Roskill's report on financial fraud published earlier this year has set out to streamline the criminal procedure in certain cases of "serious fraud", as well as proposing to modify the law of evidence to make more documentary evidence admissible, as well as evidence gathered abroad.

Perhaps the most useful innovation is a special team of lawyers, accountants and company law experts to liaise with the police in serious fraud investigations.

The Home Secretary Douglas Hurd called this week for the "combating (of) fraud and safeguarding the probity of our financial institutions".

There is, however, no guarantee that multiple applications will be regarded as serious fraud. The Home Office feels the definition should not be committed to inflexible legal rules, but a serious fraud would be "something which was both complex and sizeable; a massive, straightforward fraud would probably not be a serious fraud."

Martin Baker

A holiday home to work for you

PROPERTY

Buying a little place in the country and renting it out as a holiday home in the summer months can be one of the most profitable and enjoyable ways of investing your money. And, provided the house qualifies as furnished holiday accommodation, a number of valuable tax reliefs are available.

To qualify as furnished holiday accommodation the property must meet certain conditions. It must be situated in the United Kingdom and must be let on a commercial basis. It must be available for holiday letting for at least 140 days during the tax year and must be actually let for at least 70 days.

In addition, during any seven-month period the property should not normally be in the same occupation for a continuous period of more than 31 days.

Although rental income is normally taxed as investment income with all the tax disadvantages that this entails, income from furnished holiday lettings enjoys most - but not all - of the benefits of being taxed as trading income.

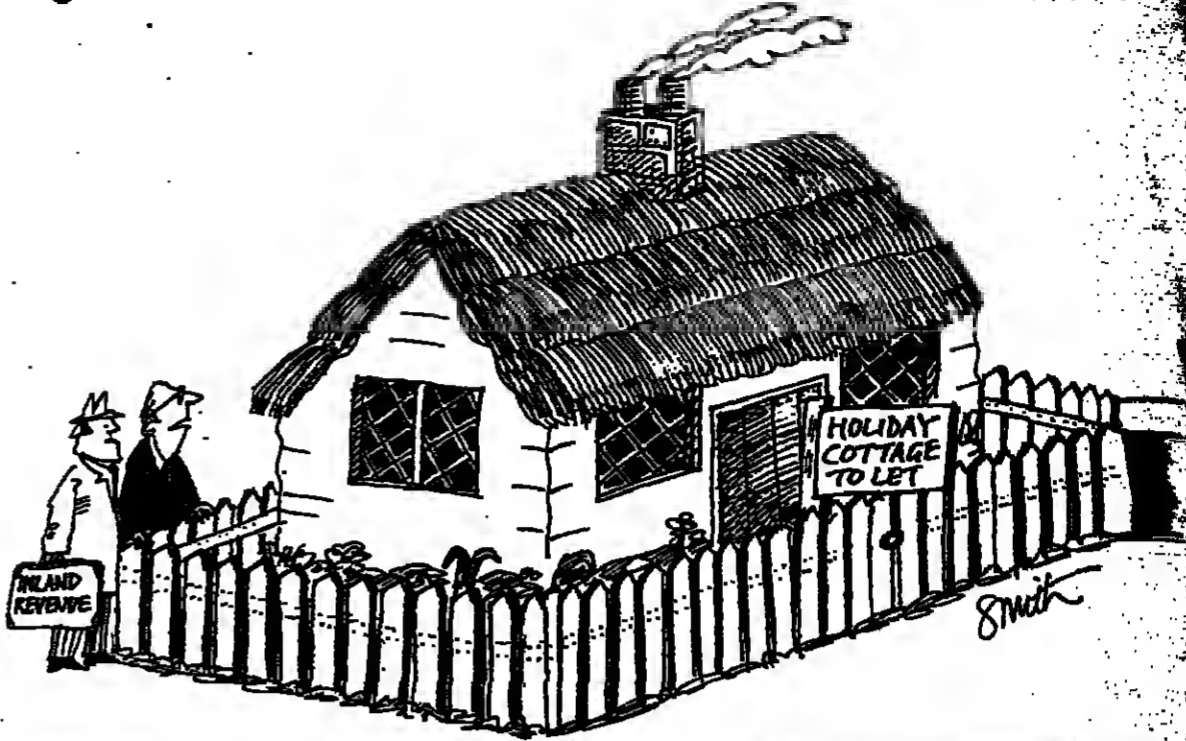
What then are these tax advantages?

First, you can claim capital allowances, a means of reducing the initial cost, on any items of plant and machinery you buy for the house. Plant and machinery is a surprisingly wide term and would normally

Rent from furnished places is earned income

include items such as carpets, curtains and furniture as well as fixtures and fittings. The capital allowances given are 25 per cent writing-down allowances. This contrasts with the treatment of non-qualifying furnished lettings where a wear-and-tear allowance of up to 10 per cent of rental income can be set off against any income tax liability.

Another attractive feature of furnished holiday accommodation is that the rental is treated as earned



'I'm suspicious - the owner is claiming an allowance for the installation of eight computer terminals and a Jaguar'

income. If it is held in the wife's name, wife's earned income relief is available. Further, if the rent is substantial, it may be worthwhile making an election for separate assessment in order to make use of the wife's basic rate tax band.

This compares most favourably with other rental or investment income, which is always taxed on the husband at his highest marginal rate of tax even if the income belongs to the wife.

And there are capital gains tax advantages. In particular, a capital gain arising on the disposal of a property will be eligible for roll-over relief if it is a result of a liability to tax may be deferred indefinitely. The only condition is that a replacement asset must be bought within a period beginning one year before and ending three years after the property is sold. The replacement asset must be

used for the purposes of a trade carried on by the vendor but need not necessarily be a replacement holiday property. If the property is given away, capital gains hold-over relief will be available on the gift.

Possibly most importantly, fur-

Maximum relief of £1,000 available after 10 years

nished holiday accommodation qualifies as a business asset for capital gains retirement relief. Thus, provided you are aged over 60, or are retiring on the grounds of ill health, and have owned the property for at least one year before the date of sale, some measure of retirement relief will be available.

The maximum relief of £100,000 will be available if the property has been held for at least 10 years.

Although the relevant legislation was introduced only with effect from April 6, 1982, the Inland Revenue accepts that periods of ownership before this date qualify in determining the amount of retirement available.

There is little doubt that holiday accommodation is now an attractive proposition from a tax point of view. But there are some caveats for the would-be landlord. First, the tenant may not treat the property with the care and respect which might be expected from the owners. And, of course, there is always the danger of creating a protected tenancy under the Rent Acts.

If you are thinking of letting a holiday property, take professional advice on drawing up the letting agreement.

Brian Friedman



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It's cheers for a good drink at lower prices

CHAMPAGNE

With an increasing UK demand for champagne the growers started picking their Chardonnay grapes last Sunday and both the Pinot Noir and Meunier on September 30, knowing that a large volume was expected of good but not outstanding quality.

Investors will welcome the price reduction of 84 centimes a kilo for grapes from land classified as 100 per cent quality and, with land in the Aube in the south of the growing region at only 80 per cent, this in part explains the low-priced offers for champagne.

Another reason is that some brands may have been aged for only the legal minimum of one year compared with the

Careful blending from year to year

four to five years for non-vintage grandes marques. The price fall at source follows a dramatic increase to 23.03 francs a kilo last year. Current stock being shipped to Britain is based on prices of 19.03 francs in 1982, 15.53 francs in 1983, 18.07 francs in 1984, 23.03 francs in 1986 and now 22.19 francs.

Twenty-five years ago grapes accounted for 12 per cent of the final bottle price but today the level is around 50 per cent, excluding duty. Champagne shipments last year were the highest ever at 195.4 million bottles, an increase of 3.92 per cent on 1984.

The reserve stock position

is not as bleak as some shippers have suggested. Stocks at the end of July were 630 million bottles, equivalent to 3.4 years' sales. By comparison, stocks were higher at 664 million bottles in July 1985.

Part of the essence of fine champagne, other than single vintage, is the careful blending from one year to another, just as from one village to another.

Because of the strict laws of Appellation Contrôlée, which limit the area under vine, the major companies are collaborating to produce sparkling wine outside north-east France. Tattinger has linked up with its US distributor, the Korbrand Corporation, to buy nearly 100 acres in California's Napa Valley following Moët's successful venture in the same state with Domaine Chandon.

Even more surprising is the link between Piper Heidsieck and an Indian company to produce champagne in western Maharashtra, launched this spring under the Marquise de Pompadour label.

Champagne investors are aware of the demand for such sparkling wines and UK clearances are up 9.1 per cent on the moving annual total to June.

There is certainly demand for quality champagnes, in-

Christie's says the market is small but strong. The Christie's sale on Thursday reflected this trend with keen bidding for older vintages of Krug and Bollinger Tradition recently disgorged.

Since vintage has a declared age it commands generally a higher price at auction. *Grandes marques* of the 1966 vintage were in this week's sale at £110 to £140 for bottles such as Mumm Cordon Rouge, Charles Heidsieck and Heidsieck Dry Monopole. Tattinger's Comtes de Champagne, made only from white grapes, is also in demand at £220 to £300 a dozen bottles.

US bidders at auction last year invested particularly in Louis Roederer Cristal, Krug and Dom Pérignon.

With a buyer's 10 per cent premium at auction it may be

Wine with a depth of flavour

worthwhile to compare prices from traditional wine merchants. Among those with good stocks are Tanners of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, Lay and Wheeler of Colchester, Essex, Adnams of Southwold, Suffolk, and London-based Findlater, Mackie, Todd and Hatch Mansfield, the Allied subsidiary.

For a novel surprise try Albert Beeren's non-vintage made entirely in the Aube and available from Bibendum, of 113 Regent's Park Road, London NW1. It has a depth of flavour that comes only from a single grower's wine. It might well be a trend for the future.

Conal Gregory

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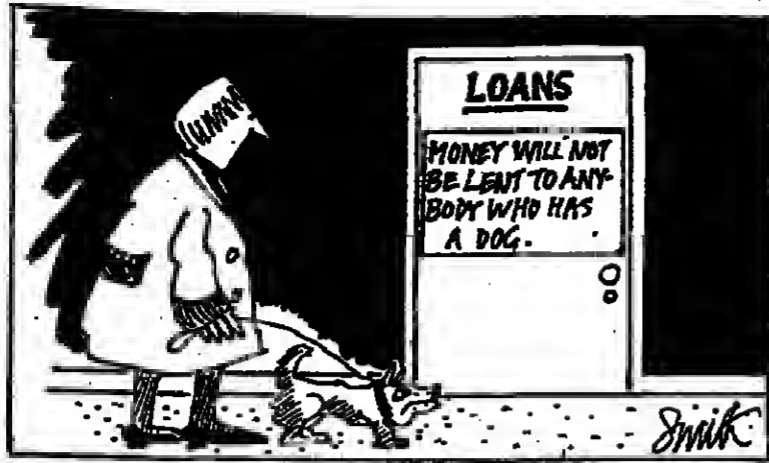
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FAMILY MONEY/4

Through the roof gently

The rise and rise of house prices continues, but more gently. The Abbey National Building Society's latest figures show an overall increase in UK house prices of 4.1 per cent over the last quarter...



continues to perform above average for funds of its kind, investors should see a real return. Clearly a case of "the price of units can go sideways as well as up"

Holiday money

Barclaycard is now in the business of distributing spending money. People who use the card to pay for at least part of their holiday will receive a discount of up to £200.

Fund change

CS Investments is uniting its Group Investors investment trust. It will now be an international growth unit trust with a highly competitive front-end load of only 2 per cent, available up to April 15, 1987.

Sadly, the discount - which comes out of the commission earned by Page & Moy from the tour operators - does not apply to flights. You must be going on a package trip...

Midlands merger

Appetites are voracious in the Midlands. The recently merged Birmingham Midshires Building Society has plans to expand still further.

Civil Service Building Society met to consider a possible merger. The Civil Service society is something of a tiddler - its assets are just £43 million compared with the £1,700 million of Birmingham Midshires.

Heiry subject

If inheritance tax really is a political shuttlecock, then the sooner you take planning action the more successful it is likely to be. That is the view of chartered accountants Dearden Farrow...

Into property

Yet another financial institution has acquired a chain of estate agencies, in the continuing erosion of demarcation lines in the financial services sector. This time it is the turn of Laurentian Holding Company...

Joining up

Increased awareness of share ownership in the wake of public flotation has led to a significant increase in the number of employees joining savings-related share option schemes with a view to buying shares in the company for which they work.

Widening trusts

The Unit Trust Association, which represents the majority of UK trust groups, has told the Government it favours offering market funds to the public but not commodity unit trusts. In addition, UTA members have given a guarded welcome to the idea of funds which would be allowed to invest in physical property.

Money-back 'first'

Gartmore Fund Managers is claiming a first with its new Safeguard plan, a five-year single premium bond marketed in conjunction with General Portfolio Life Insurance. The "first" point arises from Gartmore's guarantee that the money returned to investors at the end of the five years will be no less than the original investment.



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Anyone who has not been allotted Trustee Savings Bank shares will still have a chance to deal in them after October 10 without necessarily having to buy them in the stock market. This week the Stock Exchange announced it was launching an option contract for TSB shares.

Rather like driving a fast sports car that success with the popular TSB issue. But options are only for the serious investor. By comparison with the ordinary stock market, options are rather like driving a fast sports car instead of a lumbering Daimler. They are more exhilarating, but also more painful if you come off the road.

Finally, from France, a French Unit Trust



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French speciality for the British investor

UNIT TRUSTS

Britain's first authorized unit trust to concentrate exclusively on the French stock market is to be launched this weekend.

The Dumenil Growth Fund is to be marketed by the French financial institution Dumenil Leble. Hard on its heels in a few days from now, a second France-only equity fund will make its debut.

Highly specialized funds can perform well and, provided investors keep a sharp eye on price movements, they can make handsome profits.

But you must be prepared to act quickly in the light of market movements because the more specialized the fund, the more likely it is to be either at the top or the bottom of the performance tables.

It shows that Australian equity unit trusts have been a disaster area during the past 12 months, but have set an uncharacteristically cracking pace during September 1986.

Single European country specialization, of which the

Dumenil Leble and EBC AMRO funds are the most recent examples, have been available for just over 12 months.

The minimum investment in the Dumenil fund is £1,000; £500 in the EBC AMRO fund.

These launches highlight just how specialized the unit trust industry has become.

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Nigel Ledebor, of GT Investment Management, which was one of the pioneers of German funds, is positive on prospects for the French market.

He is also convinced that sterling will remain in a downturn against EMS currencies, including the French franc, so UK investors could benefit from a currency revaluation.

Consuelo Brooks, of the unit trust group Mercury Fund Managers, regards France as one of the more attractive European economies for UK investors.

That being so, Dumenil Leble and EBC AMRO are unlikely to have a cosy duopoly on French funds for long.

This will complement its existing Second Marche Fund which is designed mainly for institutional investors who want a stake in the French equivalent of the USM.

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Diners who present the bill

Eating too much take-away food can play havoc with your waistline, but finding an unpleasant object in a hamburger and French fries is an incident that no one would relish.

Earlier this year a customer bought several take-away portions of hamburger and chips from McDonald's in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

As he was eating the French fries, he discovered that his mouth was bleeding. He had cut his tongue on a small triangular segment of glass.

The incident was reported to the local environmental health officer and a prosecution was brought against the hamburger chain under Section 2 of the Food Act 1984.

The Act says it is a criminal offence to sell "to a purchaser's prejudice, any food which is not of the nature, substance or quality demanded by the purchaser".

'We did take precautions'

A McDonald's spokesman said: "One of the heat bulbs above the fry station exploded. It has never happened before.

The environmental health officer confirmed that his inspection did not reveal any



Misfortune among the French fries: it cost this McDonald's restaurant more than £1,000 more pieces of glass.

But there were also separate proceedings in the High Court, for compensation for the children who drank the substance.

Proving negligence can be difficult

Where a prosecution is brought by a local authority, the customer usually stands to get nothing from it.

According to one environmental health officer, only about 10 to 20 per cent of consumers decide to pursue their case.

In one case, a family went to an Indian restaurant and ordered some lemonade for the children.

Proving negligence can be very difficult. A woman recently fell over in a London department store.

slipped on a tomato on the floor and fractured her hip.

She is in her late fifties and as a result of the accident she will not be able to work again.

cause of a more recent claim for damages.

A customer had a drink in a pub. The pub had just cleaned out the barrels with a caustic solution.

His solicitor explained: "I was called out to the client to take what I was told was a death-bed statement."

None the less, he was off work for a week. He got £300 damages in an out-of-court settlement.

Proving negligence can be very difficult. A woman recently fell over in a London department store.

Susan Fieldman

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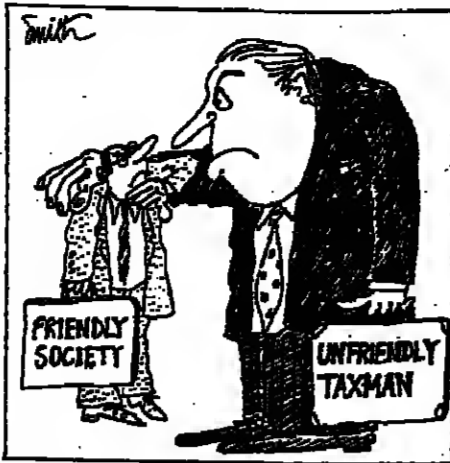
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FAMILY MONEY/6

The self-help groups with the tax advantages built in



Nothing is certain in this world, said Benjamin Franklin, except death and taxes. Death does indeed appear inevitable, but taxes can, just occasionally, be circumvented.

One possibility is to invest in a friendly society. These institutions originally developed in the last century as self-help groups for workers. Members contributed to a mutual fund, which would provide benefits in the event of sickness or death.

Victorian government approval of the self-help mentality, and, among other encouragements, allowed the societies a tax exemption on their investments. Although their original purpose was subsequently superseded by the advent of the Welfare State, the tax advantages remained, and led to the creation of new societies in more recent times.

funds the annual premiums. At the end of 10 years, the proceeds of the policy may be taken completely tax-free. Cashing in a plan sooner than that, however, will incur penalties. For the first seven and a half years, the society may return only premiums paid to date, and at all times there is liable to be a deduction for administration charges.

On the other hand, it is usually possible to continue a plan beyond the 10-year mark, and at that stage it can be cashed in at any time without penalty.

When it comes to investing funds, friendly societies do not have an entirely free hand, as 50 per cent must be placed in so-called "narrow range" instruments. These include gilts, fixed-interest securities and local authority loans. In other words, safety, rather than speculation, is the order of the day.

exemption only provided they were not marketed on a "commercial" scale. Whatever that may mean — and no one, including the Revenue, seems entirely sure — the net result is that the Baby Bond has been reissued as a taxable policy. It does include one or two extra options, but the main attraction, the tax-exempt element, has been lost.

Other societies appear to have taken heed of the warning. Time Assurance, for example, was offering a children's policy for a while, but has since withdrawn it. With premium levels so low, it is difficult to make the product cost-effective if it cannot be widely promoted.

The same argument, of course, applies to plans aimed at adults. The costs of marketing the contracts are disproportionate to the small contributions that can be made.

Single contribution is also possible

The Inland Revenue kept a wary eye on these to prevent any abuse of the privilege, and societies established post-1974 have been strictly limited in the contracts they can offer. But the real body blow, to new and old alike, was dealt two years ago, when the Chancellor cut the limits on tax-exempt business quite drastically.

As things stand now, friendly societies can issue tax-exempt life assurance policies with a sum assured — that is, the amount payable on death — of no more than £750. The standard format is a 10-year endowment policy, which is primarily a savings plan, though it does include this small amount of life cover.

The premiums for this work out at £100 a year, or £9 a month. It is also possible, in some cases, to pay a single contribution, usually £800. This is used to buy a temporary annuity, which in turn

Within that, however, there are different schools of thought as to the level of safety. Some societies choose to invest entirely in building society deposits, while others opt for unit-linked funds, or a combination of the two.

The advantage of the unit-linked route is that it offers the chance of capital appreciation, while building society investments attract only interest. However, the initial charges tend to be more expensive, amounting sometimes to as much as 75 per cent of the first year's premium. Of course, units can also go down in value as well as up, so the choice boils down to how much risk the policyholder is prepared to accept.

With the low premium level, friendly society policies would be well suited for use as children's savings plans. That this market has not been more widely tapped is due to two factors.

First, the post-1974 societies may sell only to those aged 18 and over. Secondly, the Revenue has shown a readiness to clamp down on such selling by the older institutions.

Towards the end of last year, the Tunbridge Wells Equitable joined with Dominion Financial Management to bring out a Baby Bond, designed for children up to 18. This was the usual £100-a-year 10-year policy, but with the added advantage that if premiums were covenanted, by a grandparent, for instance, the child could claim back the tax on them.

This proved sufficiently popular to sell about 11,500 contracts within a few months, but the very success proved to be its downfall. The Revenue forced it to be withdrawn — effectively on the grounds that children's policies would qualify for tax

Several hybrid schemes available

However, an important concession was granted to the newer societies in last year's Finance Act. They are now allowed, like their older counterparts, to write taxable business. This gives them scope to offer plans with higher premiums, usually up to £300 a year, on a part taxable, part tax-exempt basis.

Several of these hybrid schemes are now available. Some are provided in conjunction with an insurance company, such as the Twice Tax Free Plan offered by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Friendly Society together with M.L.A. Others, such as that of Family Assurance, are entirely in-house affairs.

The first £100 of every annual premium is assigned to a tax-exempt fund, and follows the standard rules on cashing in and so forth. The remainder, being taxable, is more flexible. At the end of the 10-year term, premiums can be stopped but the money left invested to appreciate further, or by paying a nominal premium to keep the policy in force, the investor can take partial withdrawals, tax-free, as an income.

With the higher contribution level and greater freedom, the hybrid offers more scope than the wholly exempt policy, while still making the most of the tax advantages. Obviously, with only £100 a year free of tax, there are no fortunes to be made at the Revenue's expense.

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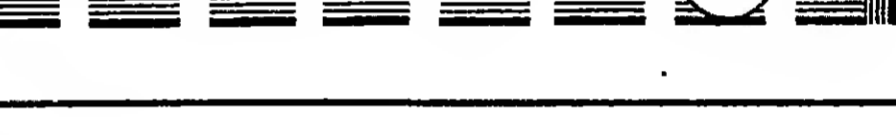
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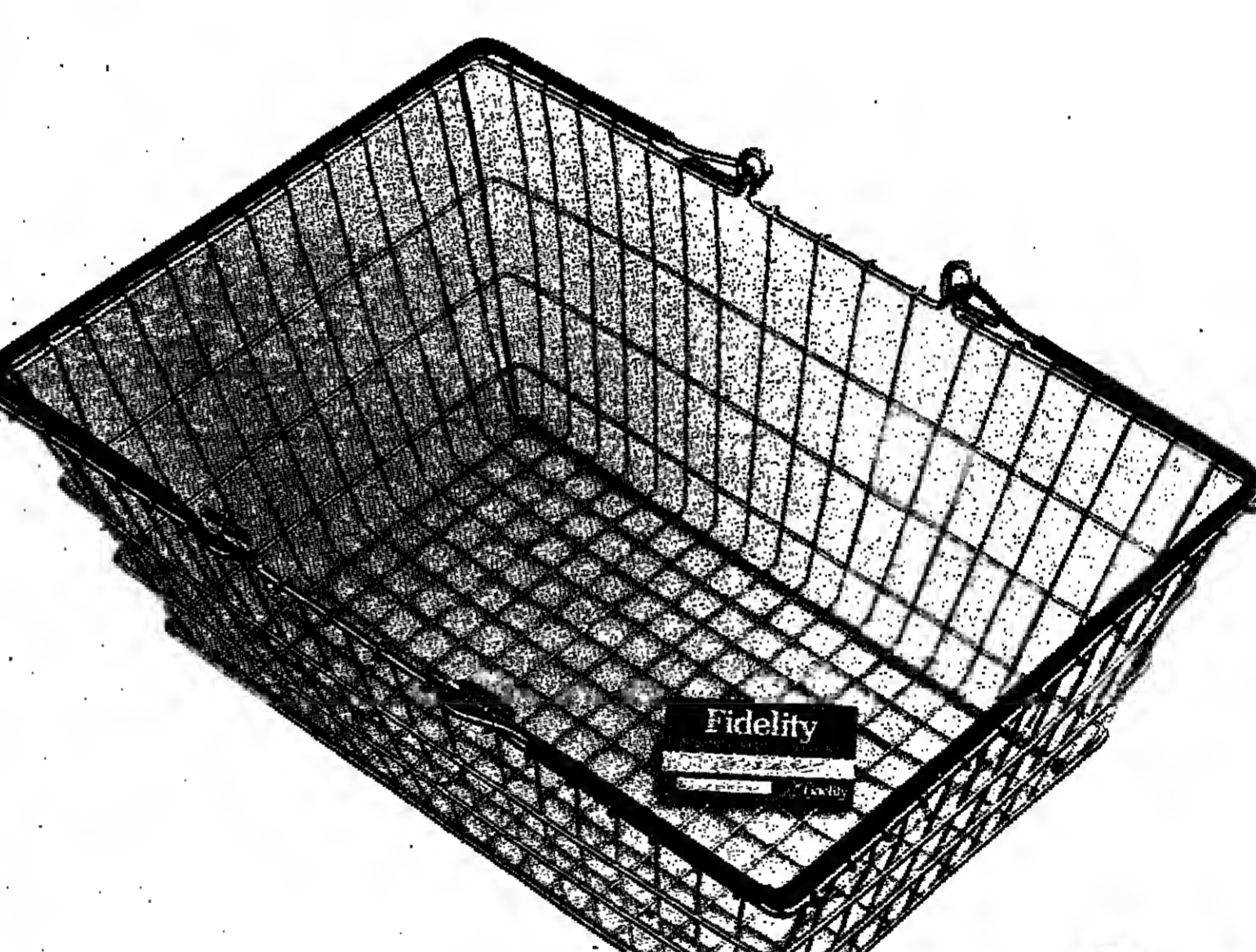
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BIG BANG

Dealers in stocks and shares are in training. Last Saturday the new methods of dealing in government stocks were rehearsed. Next week sees the full-scale mock-up of the new-fangled share trading more or less as it will be after the Big Bang.

Big Bang, in case you were wondering, can be reduced to three main changes. First, the fixed commission charged by stockbrokers on share deals will go and commissions can be negotiated. Second, "dual capacity" will be abolished. Dual capacity is a division of labour between the stockbroker, who gives investment advice and orders shares on an individual's behalf, and the jobber who makes a living out of physically buying and selling the shares on the Stock Exchange floor. This is known as "making a market".

A further change is the opening up of the Stock Exchange to outsiders; the Japanese firm Nomura Securities and Americans Merrill Lynch are now members. You may not think these changes are cataclysmic, but the City has slowly been thinking it all through and has decided that the consequences will be really dramatic.

Since Big Bang eventually became the property of the financier rather than the astronomer. For the small investor Big Bang should be good news. Provided the computer systems work, a new, quick method of registering share deals will come into operation. A transaction will be effected for just a few pounds. One analyst says: "It should be very nice for the small man - so long as it works."

The City has been flurrying with the smaller investor for some time. Several telephone share-dealing services now exist after Hoare Govett introduced its Dealer Call service in July last year. The majority of these provide a simple transaction service. The caller, who must have already applied for membership of the service, simply rings up and places the buy or sell order. No investment advice is given.

The standard term for such services is "no frills". The difficulty with such an epithet is that the whole business of buying and selling shares is a "frilly" and expensive one, involving broker, jobber and stamp duty on purchases. Given the built-in costs of this labour-intensive business, telephone share-dealing is a cheap way to deal.

This is certainly the American experience following Wall Street's own Big Bang in 1975. Kleinwort, Grieson's Share Call - available on Freephone - charges £10 for transactions under £505, while Henry Cooke Lumsden's Market Link has a similar charge on deals up to £550. The latter service and Redmayne Bentley's Share Card have a tiered charging structure, starting at just £5 in Market Link and £6 in Share Card.

Hoare Govett's Dealer Call sets a minimum transaction level of £750. Maximums vary. Market Link imposes a ceiling of £25,000, whereas Dealer Call users have no set limit. Nicholas Humloke, of Hoare Govett, says: "Many transactions are above the £50,000 level."

David Lumsden, of Henry Cooke Lumsden, says: "We ask our clients to set their own limits on the application and then we take up bankers' references. The number of people we have had to turn down is minute. We welcome

people with a modest amount of money who want to deal on the Stock Exchange." So does Redmayne Bentley, which is exceptional in that it offers "a full range of investment advice at every transaction level", according to Allan Collins. The introduction of the Leeds firm's telephone service has seen client numbers rise dramatically from 4,500 to 7,500 in six months.

The future for would-be share owners seems fair enough, always provided the markets do not plunge as they have been threatening to do.

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RUGBY UNION: BUSY WEEKEND OF PREPARATION FOR REPRESENTATIVE SIDES

Cornwall will provide stern test for Japan

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

While the Japanese travel to Cornwall in search of the second win of their tour...



Bailey: no stranger to the right wing

This week and will hope to have his share of possession next Saturday...

Football, rugby and other fixtures

Table of football fixtures including First division, Second division, and other leagues.

A welcome for Ulster stalwarts

By George Ace. One of the most potent partnerships in Ulster rugby...

Injuries put Hawick on spot

By Ian McLachlan. The most important domestic tournament in Scotland...

RUGBY UNION

Table of rugby union fixtures and results.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Coventry v Leicester. Eddie Saunders returns on the wing for struggling Coventry...

Romania short of experience

Romania has announced a largely untried squad for their autumn campaign...

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leigh want to swap Pinner

By Keith Macklin. The career of Harry Pinner, the former Great Britain captain...

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Damages against insurers for concealing broker's fraud

Banque Keyser Ullman SA v Skandia (UK) Insurance Co Ltd and Others. A judgment by the Queen's Bench Division...

RACING: CALLAGHAN'S TOP TWO-YEAR-OLD MANSOOJ TO HOLD UPPER HAND IN MIDDLE PARK STAKES

Eddery and Tremblant poised for notable Cambridgeshire double

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Tremblant is napped to win the William Hill Cambridgeshire Handicap at Newmarket today and thus emulate Steropae and Prince de Galles, the only horses to have won the first leg of the autumn double twice in succession since the war.

Baronet, with whom Tremblant has a lot in common, won it twice recently but with a year in between.

Mansooj's July and Gimcrack Stakes form just gives Pat a fine chance of seeing off Paul. Later in the afternoon it should be Walter Swinburn's turn to get a welcome boost to his confidence in readiness for tomorrow's big day in Paris by winning the Sun Chariot Stakes on Singletta.



Ron Smyth's Tremblant, who is fancied to complete a second consecutive success in Newmarket's Cambridgeshire Handicap, the first leg of the Autumn double

Kalaglow colt catches the eye

The top price of the morning session of the final day of the Newmarket Highflyer Yearling Sales yesterday was 240,000 guineas paid by the local trainer Tom Jones for a son of the Eclipse and King George winner Kalaglow.

her first foal, a sister to this colt, is in training with Willie Jarvis. Paul Webster, of the Curragh Bloodstock Agency, outlined another agent, George Blackwell, to acquire a High Top colt at 100,000 guineas. He was acting for a new American client of Curragh, Trichard-Cordun's stable. This bay colt is the first foal of Bumpkin, winner of four races.

Salman will have this filly trained by Paul Cook. Sure Blade's sire Kris was responsible for a handsome bay colt from the Duke of Roxburgh's Fleece Stud and this one made 150,000 guineas when bought by Lambourn-based Barry Hill.

The second foal of the estranged mare Just You Wait was an attractive Mummy's Pet colt, who fetched 100,000 guineas from Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager Anthony Strowd.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.55 Puri-Turk, Alqam. NAYDOCK: 3.45 Glen Kella Maru.

Encouragement the Abdulla camp

Dancing Brave's jockey Pat Eddery was quickly off the mark at Newmarket yesterday, winning the first two races on Pollenate and Mytens, both owned by Khalid Abdulla and trained by Jeremy Tree.

The High Line colours in the first division of the Wesley Maiden Stakes, struck the front when meeting the rising ground and raced clear inside the final furlong to beat the 50-1 shot Tiquegreen by two lengths.

Eddery was following up Thursday's victory for the same stable on the Valuable Witness in the Jockey Club Cup, and Tree said: "Fortunately, Valuable Witness is fine this morning, and his legs are all right. Pollenate ran quite well first time out and looks a nice staying prospect, but I don't know how good the opposition was today."

The winner was bred by the owner, whose Belto, also trained by Tree, is a confirmed runner for the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes, injured at Ray Cochrane, injured at the Dewhurst.

Goodwood on Tuesday, was passed fit by the course doctor before racing, but could have only eight on Luca Cumani's new runner Shalika in the opener. Cochrane's ride on the fancied Dabbs for Cumani trained by Jeremy Tree.

Pat Eddery kept on the pressure when completing a double on Mytens in the United Handicap.

After Prince Orac had taken the field along, followed by Autumn Flutter and Mytens, Eddery swept the latter into the lead coming to the two-year-old marker, and drew clear to win the Asian Cup by two and a half lengths.

Mytens started his season with two successive victories in the South but disappointed at York, and regrettably on St Leger day at Doncaster. Tree said: "I would Pat to ride him differently today". Eddery had Mytens much closer to the leaders.

The one that takes my eye here is Linda's Magic, already placed by her trainer, Robert Arroyo, to win three times.

Her most appealing piece of form, though, was her run in the Lower Stakes at York, in which she finished third, because a total of three lengths behind Sea Dawn in fifth spot she had indeed again contra the placings.

The big attraction at Doncaster this afternoon was a champion, not a horse, as Champion pays his first visit to this north of Ireland track to ride Favourable Terms in the John Turner Car Imports Versen Jockeys' race.

NEWMARKET Selections By Mandarin and By Our Newmarket Correspondent. 1.45 Girodando, 2.20 Mansooj, 2.55 TREMBLANT (nap), 3.35 Singletta, 4.05 Dry Dock, 4.35 Below Zero. 2.55 POWER BENDER (nap), 3.35 SANITOKA.

2.55 WILLIAM HILL CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP (€37,280: 1m) (10yo) (9) Race table with 10 runners, including Tremblant (Eddery) and Mansooj (Eddery).

CHEPSTOW Selections By Mandarin. 2.00 Asia Minor, 2.35 Duke Of Milan, 3.10 Heart Of Stone, 3.40 Peaceful Member, 4.10 Double Option, 4.40 Six Shot.

3.10 TIMEFORM HURDLE (4-Y-O) (€800) 25,745: 2m (10) Race table with 10 runners, including Solar Cloud and Peaceful Member.

FORM and Going: good to firm. Draw: no advantage. 1.45 CARLSBERG TROPHY (Nursery handicap: 2-Y-O: €8,701: 6f) (13 runners) Race table with 13 runners.

FORM and Selection: ATOKA. 3.35 SUN CHARIOT STAKES (Group II fillies: €23,487: 1m 2f) (7 runners) Race table with 7 runners.

FORM and Selection: ASIA MINOR. 2.35 MERCEDES BENZ HANDICAP (€4,503: 3m) (7) Race table with 7 runners.

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4.5 SOLTYKOFF MAINTENANCE STAKES (2-Y-O & G: €5,195: 1m) (19) Race table with 19 runners.

FORM and Selection: KELSO. 2.15 Maelstrom, 2.45 Galatich, 3.15 Alderda, 3.45 Gods Law, 4.15 Slieve Felin, 4.45 Trometer.

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HAYDOCK PARK Selections By Mandarin and By Our Newmarket Correspondent. 2.15 Linn O'Dee, 2.45 Subaltin, 3.15 Effigy, 3.45 Numismatic, 4.15 Mrs Naughty, 4.45 Beijing. Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Effigy

3.45 BUCKLOW HILL HANDICAP (€7,876: 6f) (13 runners) Race table with 13 runners.

FORM and Selection: KELSO. 2.15 Maelstrom, 2.45 Galatich, 3.15 Alderda, 3.45 Gods Law, 4.15 Slieve Felin, 4.45 Trometer.

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3.15 BROOKS BOND OXO CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Handicap: Amateurs: €3,782: 1m 2f) (18 runners) Race table with 18 runners.

4.45 PRESTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: €3,434: 1m 6f) (6) Race table with 6 runners.

FORM and Selection: KELSO. 2.15 Maelstrom, 2.45 Galatich, 3.15 Alderda, 3.45 Gods Law, 4.15 Slieve Felin, 4.45 Trometer.

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RACING: STARKEY'S MOUNT HAS PROVEN STAMINA FOR LONGCHAMP

Shardari looks best value to give British Arc triumph

By Michael Seely

Greville Starkey and Shardari can prove too strong for Pat Eddery and Dancing Brave in a dramatic climax to tomorrow's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe...

Make no mistake, the 1986 running of Europe's most demanding Flat race is going to be the hardest to win of the decade...

Shardari is one of the Aga Khan's four runners as Europe's most successful owner-breeder attempts to capture the £400,000 prize for the second time.

The selection, Shastrastani, Darara, and Dihistan, their place in the pari-mutuel for betting purposes, and the quartet are certain to start at a short price.

After recapturing his three-year-old form when beating Baby Turk at Newmarket, Shardari was sent to Ascot where he ran Dancing Brave to three-quarters of a length in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes...

Starkey was delighted with his new big-race partner after his final pipework yesterday morning. "He was brilliant," he said. "It took me so long to pull him up, I thought he was going down to Tyndals for the papers."

Eddery will be attempting to become the only overseas jockey apart from Lester Piggott to win three Arcs when he steps on board Dancing Brave in Longchamp's leafy paddock...



Shardari, one of four Aga Khan runners for tomorrow's big race, is fancied to reverse Ascot's King George running with another top British hope, Dancing Brave

Shardari will be seeking a record fifth Arc win on Darara, the Aga Khan's comfortable winner of the Prix Vermeille. Those of her sex have won six of the last 10 Arcs...

The excitement will rise to a crescendo as the best horses in Europe, and probably in the world, duel for supremacy in the home straight...

CRICKET

New plea for slow over-rate penalty

From Richard Streeton Delhi

The Australians will make a renewed plea for monetary fines to be introduced when they meet Indian officials today...

"Fines have worked well in Australia. And even the West Indian fast bowlers meet their quota of overs. If anybody has struggled at times, it has been Australia," he said.

Mr Crompton is anxious to secure a definite agreement that something will be done. "Mind you, it might prove to be a paper tiger if they say they will but don't do it."

One was to continue the morning meetings to the lunch interval until 50 overs were reached, so that the fielding side were losing a rest period.

The stipulated 50 overs in Indian one-day internationals has only been achieved three times in 20 matches...

FOOTBALL

Brown the answer to a chairman's prayer

By Clive White

Loyalty is a word that is as much out of place in today's football vocabulary as inside forward or wing half. Even managers who have transferred themselves with the same lack of attachment as the nomads among our players...

Alan Brown has answered most of the prayers of Norwich City chairman Sir James Watson as manager and five years before that as assistant to the egotistical John Bond.

Mr Watson is anxious to secure a definite agreement that something will be done. "Mind you, it might prove to be a paper tiger if they say they will but don't do it."

But Clough affords Atkinson no sympathy. "I can't be concerned if they lose and Atkinson is in the dock queue on Monday."

As in all Clough's more optimistic moments there is an element of truth in what he says. Injuries are the life of Forest's problems...

about six years ago. That money is now appreciating nicely in the bank and available for investment in more players...

Brown brought modestly in the summer, signing Elliott and Hodgson from Sunderland and exchanging Deehan for Putney...

But, as Brown said, not even the big clubs can hold on to their players for long. Liverpool and Manchester United had to let go of Rush, Lister and Hughes respectively...

United's lack of understanding and alertness at the centre of defence is probably the root cause of their troubles and Atkinson has again left this area of his team's tactics untouched.

Spot check on Forest power

By Clive White

Ron Atkinson is to be believed. If Manchester United should be winning at the City Ground today like taking candy from a baby, Clough, trying and failing to divert attention from his magnetic young Nottingham Forest side...

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Chelsea v Charlton Macdonald, on loan to Charlton, is expected to make his debut if Stuart's ankle does not recover...

United sign O'Brien

Manchester United have signed 21-year-old Liam O'Brien, from Shamrock Rovers, for £50,000...

French thank Sainsbury

The French government has honoured Sainsbury, the supermarket chain, for helping to diminish the French wine lake by selling bottles at bargain prices.

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Full club draw for Europe

Zurich - The full draw of matches to be played on a home and away basis on October 22 and November 5 with the first named teams at home in the first leg is:

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BIG-RACE FIELD

SELECTIONS: Mandarin (Michael Philippe); Bering, Michael Seely; Shardari. The Times Private Handicapper: Shastrastani.

Going: good to firm Draw: low numbers best

Table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, and odds. Includes entries like DHRISTAN, BABY TURK, and SHARDARI.

FORM SHARDARI (5-2) ran on well to beat green and copper-hued TRYPYON (5-2) at York, with good...

Stoute set for two more prizes at Longchamp

Michael Stoute, the trainer of Shardari and Shastrastani, can enjoy an afternoon of glory by also winning his second Prix de l'Abbaye...

Unfavourably drawn in stall 10, Green Desert, the winner of the July Cup and the Veuve Clicquot Cup, faces no easy task over five furlongs...

255 PRIX MARCEL BOUSSAC (Group 1)

Table listing horses and jockeys for the 255 Prix Marcel Boussac race.

335 PRIX DE L'ABBAYE (Group 1)

Table listing horses and jockeys for the 335 Prix de l'Abbaye race.

Pakistan give World XI a trouncing

Kuwait (Reuters) - A Pakistan XI trounced a world cricket team who were depleted by the absence of three West Indies Test players...

With Vic Richards, Malcolm Marshall and Richie Richardson, the West Indians, delayed at Rome airport, Ian Botham captained the world team who had to include Graham Roope, the manager, and former Surrey and England batsman...

Chelsea v Charlton

Macdonald, on loan to Charlton, is expected to make his debut if Stuart's ankle does not recover...

Sheff Wed v Oxford

Shaffer takes over Shotton, who has a back injury, while Perrynham has recovered to fill Oxford's sweeper role...

Manchester City v Leicester

Jimmy Frizzell, Manchester City's new manager, opts for youth in his first game...

Norwich v QPR

Williams plays his 400th league game in an unchanged Norwich side. Chick is again substitute.

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MOTOR RACING

Britain's title assured

From a Special Correspondent, Fuji

While Nigel Mansell still has to wait a week for his chance to clinch the formula one drivers' title in Mexico, Britain should have a motor racing world champion tomorrow when Derek Bell and Derek Warwick contest the final round of the World Sports Prototype Championship...

JUDO

Paying a price for success

By Nicolas Soames

Victory in the European club championships could place Britain's leading competitive side, Wolverhampton, in serious financial difficulties according to their coach Malcolm Abbotts...

KARATE

Silver for bruised but unbowed Miss Samuel

By Nicolas Soames

Molly Samuel, the British middleweight, aged 25, won an unexpected silver medal on the first day of the world championships in Sydney, Australia yesterday despite being hampered by a shoulder injury sustained in pre-competition training...

